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NADELLA GETS MORE POWER, IS NEW MICROSOFT CHAIRMAN

Microsoft's Indian-origin CEO Satya Nadella was on Thursday unanimously elected as the head of the company's board

RIGHT PERSON TO LEAD THE BOARD: COMPANY

The new role will strengthen Nadella's hold over the US tech giant, which he has helped revamp since taking over as the CEO in 2014. In a statement, the company said Nadella's deep understanding of Microsoft's business will enable him to elevate the right strategic opportunities, thereby making him the best person to lead the agenda of the board of directors

FIRST AFTER GATES TO HOLD BOTH POSTS

Nadella will continue to be the CEO, becoming the first person after founder Bill Gates to simultaneously head the board too
Nadella succeeds John Thompson, who, as the new lead independent director, will retain significant authority, providing input on behalf of the independent directors on board's agenda

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QUARTERLY DIVIDEND DECLARED BY THE COMPANY'S BOARD ON THURSDAY

It's free for all in state BJP, Delhi firefight falls flat

As allegations fly thick and fast, party Gen Secy reiterates there won't be any change in leadership

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

IF the intended purpose of BJP general secretary Arun Singh's visit to Karnataka was to iron out the differences in the state unit, Thursday was a free for all. The simmering dissatisfaction against Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa and his government among sections of BJP leaders burst out with legislators making allegations of corruption and nepotism publicly as well as behind closed doors.

Barely hours after Karnataka in-charge Arun Singh urged leaders to refrain from making public statements, MLC H Vishwanath, MLAs Arvind Bellad, S R Vishwanath and M P Renukacharya defied the diktat.

Arun Singh was scheduled to meet legislators and officer-bearers of the party on Thursday to listen to their concerns. What was supposed to be a closed-door event ended on a controversial note after Vishwanath declared to the media that Yediyurappa no longer had the spirit or the strength to continue as CM, a claim that was vehemently countered by leaders supporting Yediyurappa.

"No minister is happy with the B S Yediyurappa govern-

ment because of his family's interference. His son interferes too much in every department, be it tenders in the Irrigation Department or sale of land to a steel company," said H Vishwanath about his interaction with Arun Singh.

He was one of the 17 MLAs who quit the Congress-JDS coalition government in 2019 to join the BJP, but has been miffed over being denied a cabinet berth.

Even as his statement came as much embarrassment, Arun Singh brushed it aside. "Vishwanath is new to the party. He doesn't know our party culture," Singh told the media while responding to the allegations.

Vishwanath's allegations were countered by M P Renukacharya and S R Vishwanath, both political secretaries to the CM, who minced no words.

Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa, who cancelled all his official work for the day, met with MLAs and ministers at his official residence in the run-up to their interaction with Arun Singh. More than 15 MLAs, chiefs of boards and corporations including Rajesh Gowda, Jyoti Ganesh, Rajugouda, Renukacharya, etc, were present. **P5**



BJP general secretary and party's Karnataka in-charge Arun Singh arrives at the party office in Bengaluru on Thursday

Bellad says phone being tapped

Dharwad West BJP MLA Arvind Bellad, has alleged that his phone was being tapped and attempts were being made to fix him in a controversy. "Unknown hands are trying to target me. I have written to Speaker Vishweshwara Hegde Kageri that my phone is being tapped, my movements are being tracked and I have requested protection. I have also written to Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai," Bellad told the media. Bellad's name has been doing the rounds as a replacement to Yediyurappa in case of a change in leadership.

FORMER KARNATAKA CRICKETER PASSES AWAY AT 71

All-rounder B Vijaykrishna had claimed 194 wickets and 2297 runs in 80 first class matches and helped Karnataka win three Ranji Trophy titles. He died on Thursday morning following a cardiac arrest **P2**



Who is the boss? The Test begins

Virat Kohli & Co begin slight favourites as Test's first-ever summit clash starts in Southampton on Friday

6-5 COMBINATION FOR MATCH

As has now become customary, the Indian team announced their squad a day before the match. It's the first time that India will play all of Ishant, Bumrah, Jadeja, Ashwin and Shami in a Test. It's also been India's preferred way - rely on bowlers to set matches with their unerring line and length. In batting, Shubman Gill will open with Rohit Sharma.



Performances of the two captains - Virat Kohli and Kane Williamson - will be crucial during the WTC final | AFP

SWING AND DANCE

New Zealand are one side that rely on match-ups. So much so that NZ coach Gary Stead complimented captain Kane Williamson for using his resources perfectly against India last year. The 2-0 drubbing India received in New Zealand is their only series loss in their WTC cycle. Bowling with the Dukes ball, Boult and Southee will test India's batting unit which has struggled to put big totals on board overseas.

WEATHER THREAT ON DAY ONE

There is a yellow warning in place for most of England. There is a likelihood that thunderstorms could disrupt first day's play. There is a reserve day.

PITCH

Pitch is expected to be on drier side but if it's going to be covered, expect there to have some degree of sweating

\$1.6million Prize money for the winners

LIVE: STAR SPORTS NETWORK AT 3.30 PM

SC APPROVES CBSE'S 30:30:40 FORMULA TO COMPUTE CLASS XII BOARD RESULTS

KANU SARDA @ New Delhi

THE Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) on Thursday informed the Supreme Court that it has decided to go for a 30:30:40 formula - 30% from Class X board, 30% from Class XI exam, and 40% from Class XII assessment to arrive at the Class XII results this year. The court approved the marking policy for more than 14 lakh candidates who had registered for Class XII board exams in 2020-21.

As for the Council for Indian School Certificate Examinations (CISCE), they decided to take the average of the last

six years instead of three. They are yet to submit their affidavit before the court.

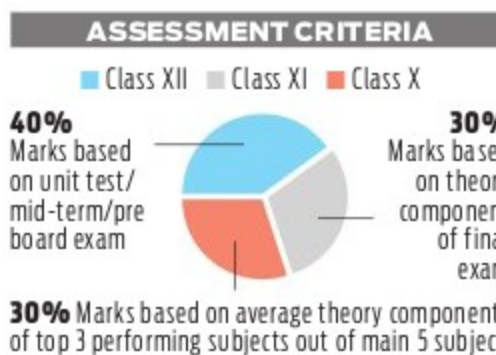
The CBSE board has asked schools to form a five-member panel for computation of results. The results will be declared by July 31, the CBSE told the court as it submitted a detailed evaluation criteria, which was decided after the board had to cancel exams last month because of the second Covid-19 wave.

According to the affidavit, the 40% weightage from Class XII will be based on unit test/mid-term/pre-board exams, 30% from Class XI based on theory component of the final exam, and the remaining 30%

from Class X marks based on average theory component of the best three performing subjects out of the main five.

The new formula is to calculate theory marks for students, while practical and internal assessment components will be calculated according to the existing policies.

According to the board's scheme, theory marks for Class XII for computation of results will be based on performance in one or more unit test(s)/mid-term/pre-board(s) theory examination, but the school committee may decide internally what should be given more weightage. **P9**



HOW WEIGHTAGE WORKS

Theory marks			Practical/IA marks	Total marks
X	XI	XII		
80	24	24	32	20
70	21	21	28	30
60	18	18	24	40
50	15	15	20	50
30	09	09	12	70

Vaccination is not mandatory for US-bound students: MEA

PUSHKAR BANAKAR @ New Delhi

INDIA on Thursday clarified that taking a WHO-approved vaccine is not mandatory for US-bound students to pursue higher education.

"There is no uniformity in these requirements... the US government has clarified that vaccination is not a mandatory requirement for travelling to the US for Indian students. I also understand that there are multiple conversations between the students and our universities. We would obviously support our students. I think everyone concerned is interested in ensuring that the students are able to reach the universities and undertake regular classes and we hope that a constructive solution can be found," MEA spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said.

Earlier this week, the US had assured that more visa appointments would be granted for Indian students after a rush for interview slots on Monday led to the embassy portal crashing. Reports had emerged that Indian students who had taken Covaxin or Sputnik V vaccines were being asked to revaccinate by universities as the two are not approved by the WHO yet. Bagchi said India is also monitoring the emergency use authorisation approval of Covaxin by the WHO.

Meanwhile, India said it favours a discussion on vaccine passports and urged it to be linked with vaccine equity as many developing nations are yet to inoculate their citizens.

EXPRESS READ

No ULB polls in state for next six months

Bengaluru: The State Government has decided not to conduct urban local body elections for the next six months due to the pandemic. The Urban Development department has directed officials to take necessary action. **P7**

Mamata files election plea against Suwendu

Kolkata: Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee has filed an election petition against leader of the opposition Suwendu Adhikari before the Calcutta High Court. Alleging tampering of EVM machines among others, Banerjee had said that the doors of the court will be knocked. **P10**



Natasha Narwal (L) and Devangana Kalita outside Tihar prison | PTI

Will continue fight, say released Delhi activists

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

ELATED after their release from Delhi's Tihar Jail, student activists Natasha Narwal and Devangana Kalita, arrested in May 2020 in connection with northeast Delhi riots, thanked people for their "tremendous support" and vowed to continue their struggle against "suppression of dissent".

"For many months we couldn't believe we're in jail under such stringent charges," said Narwal after walking out of the jail following a Delhi High Court order for their immediate release.

Narwal and Kalita, both activists of the women collective Pinjra Tod, thanked their friends and well-wishers. Kalita said the delay in their release after the high court granted them bail was "unbelievable". "We had secured bail two-three days ago... still we were inside jail," she said.

Jamia Millia Islamia student Asif Iqbal Tanha, who was also released on Thursday, said the fight against the CAA, NRC and the NPR would continue.

The trio, arrested under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, was granted bail on June 15. But the Delhi Police had not released them, saying

it needed time to verify their addresses and sureties. The activists filed a plea for their immediate release, but a city court on Wednesday reserved its order. The high court took a grim view of the trial court's order and said, "The trial court is expected to proceed further with promptitude and expedition and decide the issue placed before it. Our order has to be implemented. There can't be two views on that." The Supreme Court is likely to hear an appeal by the Delhi Police against the bail order on Friday.

Evidence-based management of lockdown, by districts, in Karnataka

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A study of the dynamics of the second wave of the Covid epidemic, specifically for each state and district, shows that the onset, progression, peak and decline vary from district to district in each State.

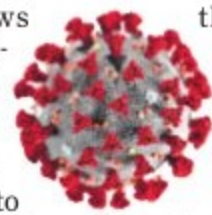
There are three parameters pertaining to the epidemic, each with its own wave and peak, namely epidemic momentum (rate of change in new cases based on a 7-day rolling average), documented daily numbers of new cases and cumulative num-

bers of active cases. Typically, there is a consistent pattern of time sequence of these three peaks - momentum, new case numbers and active cases. Visualising the time of these peaks in a given district will enable health administrators to take appropriate action vis-a-vis the lockdown.

Lockdown is most effective in slowing down the epidemic momentum only on the ascending limb of the momentum graph. Well-timed lockdown provides time to prepare for surge capacity - hospital beds, Intensive Care (ICU)

beds, supply of oxygen and essential drugs. During this time, the focus should be on effective application of 'social vaccine' and to rapidly increase immunisation coverage - these will help reduce the rapid progression of the epidemic.

Social vaccine consists of Information-Education-Communication on Covid and Behaviour-modification Education for adopting all elements of Covid-appropriate behaviour - mask-wearing, hand hygiene, physical distancing of arm's length when all are masked, avoiding crowds and improving indoor ventilation during any activity. **P4**



Ikea forays into Bengaluru e-comm market

BISMAL MALIK @ Bengaluru

SWEDISH furniture giant Ikea has forayed into the Bengaluru market with the launch of its e-commerce services. Residents of Bengaluru will be able shop from amongst the 8,000 products directly via the company website and mobile shopping app. The firm is also planning to open a 4,00,000 sqft Ikea store at Nagasandra on the city's outskirts within one year as well as a store in the city centre later, Ikea CEO Peter Betzel said.

The retailer is planning to hire around 2,500 workers over the next five years across different Ikea businesses in Bengaluru, with 50 per cent diversity across all levels and will generate close to 1,200 indirect jobs linked with its business operations. Ikea works with nine home furnishing suppliers in Karnataka, including a social entrepreneur, engaging 1,200 local artisans, thereby increasing its local sourcing footprint in the state. The launch comes after Ikea's announcement last year of setting up a new global office in Bengaluru and hiring for key roles as the company is planning to expand its digital footprint in line with the new consumer shopping trends shaped by the Covid-19 pandemic.

The firm currently operates two physical stores in Mumbai and Hyderabad and has an online presence across Pune, Ahmedabad, Surat, and Vadodra cities. **P13**

KARNATAKA JUNE 16 JUNE 17

Fresh cases	7,345	5,983
Recoveries	17,913	10,685
Deaths	148	138

JAB-O-METER TAKE YOUR SHOT

June 16	32,62,233 doses
June 17	29,64,596 doses
TOTAL DOSES:	26,86,65,914

NATIONWIDE JUNE 16 JUNE 17

Fresh cases	62,224	67,208
Recoveries	1,07,628	1,03,570
Deaths	2,542	2,330

Three kids get life-saving ₹16-crore injections for free at city hospital

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THREE girls suffering from the rare disease, Spinal Muscular Atrophy, were administered the expensive gene therapy, Zolgensma, for free at Bangalore Baptist Hospital on Thursday. Each vial of the one-time injection costs Rs 16 crore and is capable of changing the genetic code in the body.

In all, the initiative amounts to Rs 48 crore for the three children, and is being given for free by the manufacturing company, through a lottery system (CSR). Three other girls with the same disease are being administered Spinraza, a drug costing Rs 70

lakh each (Rs 2.10 crore for three kids) in the same hospital. This is also being given for free by the Compassionate Access Programme of the NGO Direct Relief. The total cost is Rs 50.1 crore.

Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA) is a rare disease affecting one in 6,000 children, caused by the loss of nerve cells, which carry electrical signals from the brain to muscles. The protein needed for the body to carry the electrical signals is coded by a gene which has two copies -- one from the mother and the other from the father. A child develops the disorder only if both copies are faulty. In SMA, the muscles get weak and



shrink, the child cannot breathe or swallow, has trouble controlling head movement, walking, and gradually dies before reaching the age of two.

"Two of the children who received Zolgensma are 16 months old, and one is 14 months old. This is a one-time drug that es-

entially changes the spelling mistake in the gene permanently. The three other girls are being administered Spinraza on a continuous basis since 2019. This medicine encourages the body to produce protein, keep the spinal cord alive and



(Left) The doctors, nurses and other medical staff involved in the therapy. (Right) One of the children being looked after at the hospital | EXPRESS

give strength to the body. Signals are carried from the brain, spinal cord to motor nerve cells, which need protein. Spinraza works with the faulty genetic code to make protein," said Dr Ann Agnes Mathew, head of neuromuscular services at Bangalore Baptist Hospital, who is treating the children.

Of the three children who were administered Zolgensma, two had SMA type 2 and one had SMA type 1.

"While those with type 1 do

not survive beyond 2 years, patients with type 2 have a risk of dying but with extra care, can survive for long, though they remain weak. The hospital has sent in three more applications to the company for Zolgensma. Apart from these six girls, two boys and one girl are receiving free gene therapy treatment this month," Dr Ann said.

The cost for treatment for rare diseases is high as it takes 8-10 years to develop a drug, explained Prasanna Shirol, founder of Bengaluru-based Organization for Rare Diseases India. "Companies invest huge amounts of money on research and development, while not being sure of its success," Shirol explained.

CC The number of rare disease patients is less so the company's investment has to be distributed among the customers, factoring in funds spent on logistics and maintenance

Pasanna Shirol, founder, Organization for Rare Diseases India

Students want to return to campus

Skyrocketing anxiety & deteriorating quality of education taking toll on mental health

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A survey on about 700 college students revealed that students want to go back to campus as it is important for their mental health. The Bangalore Student Community on Wednesday released its study on 'Students Return on Campus'.

More than half the students received their first dose of vaccine, and about half the respondents believed that vaccinated students should be given an opportunity to return to campus. Close to a third of students wanted the rest of the semesters to be held online, while an equal number said that they want offline classes. Students from over 25

colleges in the state were surveyed during the study.

"It has come to our notice that students want to return to campus with all the necessary precautions for their mental health. In case of out-stationed students, a blend of both online and offline classes have to be taken into consideration. However, only those who are vaccinated will be allowed to join offline classes," said the researchers.

Yahaan, a law student from the city, said that with anxiety and stress skyrocketing, and the quality of education deteriorating, students are not in a good place, mental health-wise. "Going back to campus would be a breath of fresh air," he told Express.



50.3 PC vaccinated

48 PC SAY vaccinated students should be given opportunity to return to campus

34.8 PC SAY rest of the semesters should be held offline



Teachers assigned on Covid duty in Bengaluru | EXPRESS

DEPT ASKS GOVT TO RELIEVE TEACHERS FROM COVID DUTY

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WITH the new academic year approaching, the education department is trying to pull out hundreds of teachers from Covid duties.

Chandrashekhar Nugli, Karnataka State Primary School Teachers' Association, told The New Indian Express that almost 20,000 teachers in Bengaluru and 10,000 teachers from outside the city are doing Covid duty.

The commissioner of public instruction wrote to the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) commissioner,

asking him to relieve all the teachers, head teachers and non-teaching staff from primary and high schools.

In order to start the academic activities for the year 2021-22 from July 1, preparatory guidelines have already been framed for teachers and head teachers. Although physical classes may not be held in the academic year, in light of the students' academic rights, and directions of the High Court, teachers and head teachers are meant to work towards providing offline/online teaching, alternative methods such as classes delivered through Doordarshan, mobile, smart-

phones and laptops. Commissioner of Public Instruction, Anbu Kumar, said that guidelines have already been issued in this regard.

Besides, the SSLC examination for the 2020-21 academic year is scheduled to be held in the third week of July, and with more examination centres this year, the service of teachers and head teachers and non-teaching staff is vital. The CPI also wrote a similar letter to the deputy commissioners of all districts.

Karnataka State Primary School Teachers' Association welcomed the education department's move.

'Decision to pass all freshers discriminatory'

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THE petitioner questioned the decision of the government to pass all fresh/regular students and announce their results by the end of this month without examination, in view of the Covid-19 pandemic. The petitioner said this decision was discriminatory in nature, as the same benefit was not extended to the repeaters.

When the matter was taken up, the government advocate informed the court that the

state had constituted a panel of 12 experts to peruse the issue. Based on the opinion of the panel, a decision will be taken on promoting various categories of students. The government advocate sought that the matter be adjourned for 15 days.

Explaining the different categories of students, on instructions from P N Krishna Prasad, Joint Director (Evaluation), Department of Pre-University Examination, who was present in the court, the gov-

ernment advocate submitted that there were 5,92,816 fresh/regular students and 76,387 students who are repeaters, who have withdrawn their results of PUC II examination in order to improve their scores or had failed last year. About 17,477 private students, who have not studied PU-I, have to appear for the examination, in the absence of previous year's academic information, the advocate told the court.

The court adjourned the hearing to July 5.



Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

18th June: Friday's key planet is Venus, goddess of love. Some people say that today is a fine time to get married, although astrologers take far more into account than the day. Your horoscope, that of your match, and the stars for the day, should all partner harmoniously. More than that, of course, you need to like each other!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

You may now need to change your ways, and your approach to partnerships, especially professional ones. It is a time to rely on past experience and emphasise the positive virtues of authority and tradition. Stick to tried and tested methods, and you won't go far wrong.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

Take advantage of all planetary movements aligned with your ninth solar house to clear up all long-standing problems. Don't flap around, however, for your status, reputation and prestige are at stake. Never forget that other people's good opinion of you is essential to your image of yourself.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

It's because Mercury, normally such a light and frothy planet, is in a supportive part of the zodiac, that you must put frivolous questions to one side and adopt a firm, business-like approach in all things. In matters of the heart, by the way, you're attracted to people with good minds and strong opinions.

CANCER (June 22 - June 23)

For someone who is supposed to be rather shy, you can also be quite a show-off when you're in the mood. The way to dazzle partners now is to demonstrate how competent you are, perhaps displaying a skill nobody knew you possessed. Your capacity to surprise is as great as ever.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)

You ought to be well on the mend emotionally after traumas which may have occurred up to four months ago. Venus and the Moon, the two most compassionate of all the planets, are bathing you in their soothing rays, so don't grumble. In fact, enjoy it!

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)

It's unlikely you'll over-dramatise the situation at work, but that's precisely what you're in danger of doing. It's one thing to be all artistic and theatrical, quite another to pick up the wrong end of the stick! Try to work out what's really happening before you voice your suspicions.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)

There really is no point in trying to force others to sign on the dotted line against their better judgment. They will honour their commitments in due course, but you may be wise to offer a few concessions. You can bend the rules without compromising your principles.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)

You're a complicated person, and that's the simple reason why others can't always be expected to understand you. Your personal world is so often one of conflict and uncertainty, but look closely and you'll see that affection lies around every corner. I hope that now you will realise that love is but a breath away.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)

A few simple statements may do much to safeguard your long-term happiness and security. I am not going to tell you what to say, for only you know exactly what is on your mind. But I can advise you to stick while the iron is hot, and not to waste time while others make their running.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)

So much which was established and seemed to last for ever has been turned upside down, leaving many of you bewildered. I am not surprised, for Uranus is a disturbing planet. However, the dust is already beginning to settle, and when it does a new and brighter world will emerge.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)

Your special skill lies in spotting the opportunities that other people miss. To say that you can turn almost any situation to your advantage would be a classic understatement. The message of the moment is teamwork, and by enlisting partners on your side you can cross every valley and climb every mountain.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar. 20)

It is up to you to determine where you let your dreams take you now. There is something distinctly feminine about the current mood, in the traditional meaning of the term: intuitive, graceful, loving and sensitive. But you must also cope with a determined streak of total independence.

THE PHANTOM



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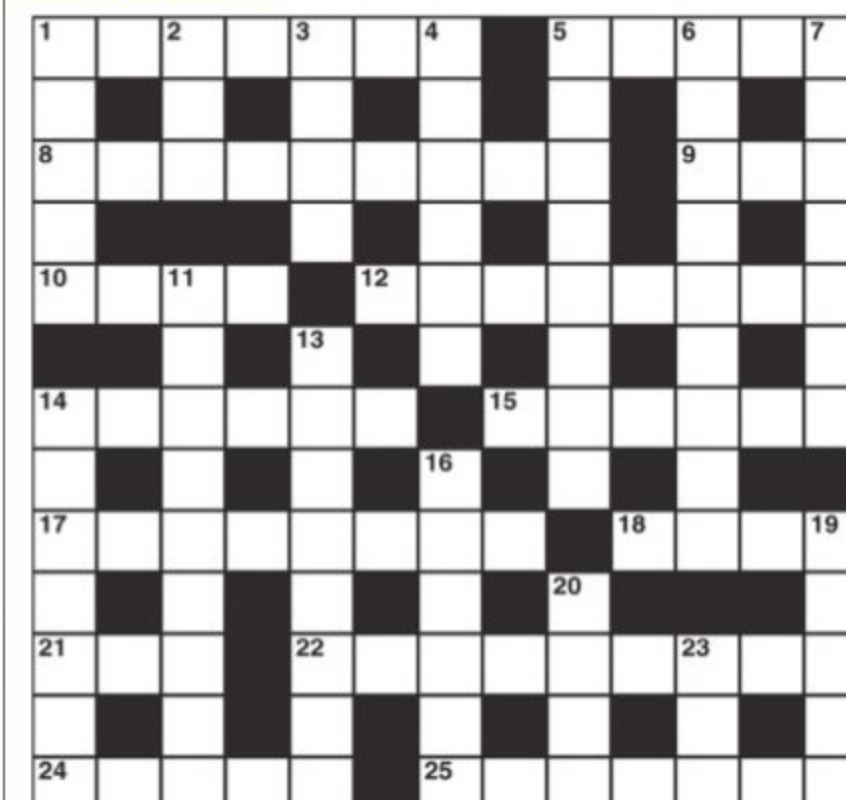
Easy: Test your number crunching skill with our unique puzzle

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3x3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

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8	1	4	9	6	2	7	3	5
3	5	9	7	1	4	2	8	6
7	6	2	3	5	8	9	4	1
9	7	8	5	4	6	3	1	2
1	3	5	2	8	9	6	7	4
4	2	6	1	7	3	8	5	9

CROSS WORD



ACROSS

- Imposed duties (7)
- Eye-catching gadgets (5)
- I'm our last resort for teaching grounded pilots (9)
- Henry emerges as 50 per cent less loud (3)
- In the near future and the like (4)
- Eric goes to the wrong toad and becomes angry (8)
- An egg I scrambled obviously not new-laid (6)
- Hedoesn't think much of others (6)
- Field division that takes years to train (8)
- State of pure chaos (4)
- In short I had a name for her (3)
- Common rests with those on duty (9)
- Principle of having it both ways? (5)
- Doctor gets a work-permit to set up drip (7)

DOWN

- Imposed duties (5)
- Man with German upbringing (3)
- Africa's most important currency (4)
- Attractiveness on yacht all at sea (6)
- If you study it you may become an expert in time (8)
- To go up to her is sensible - under different conditions (9)
- Extremely lawful to ask (7)
- Exaggerated account discredited (9)
- How one's stomach may feel with liver not in order? (2,6)
- Unbeliever is at the assembly (7)
- Being wealthy was charged (6)
- Rising and descent of the sun produces disturbance (5)
- Freight unopened in Jason's ship (4)
- Some pills for feeling sick (3)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

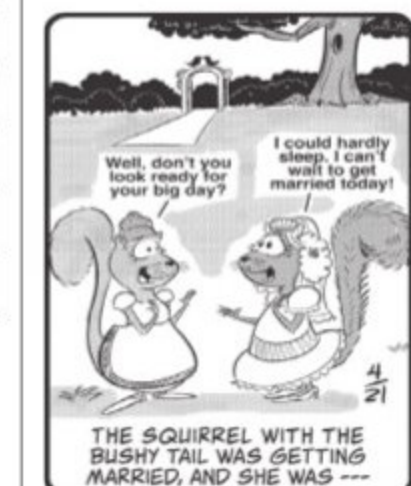
Across: 1 Tapestry, 5 Ace, 9 Skier, 10 Grenade, 11 Object lesson, 13 Agents, 14 Absent, 17 Casual worker, 20 Matelot, 21 Tiana, 22 Nook, 23 Whistler.

Down: 1 Task, 2 Pliable, 3 Serve at table, 4 Rights, 6 Class, 7 Eternity, 8 Reverberates, 12 Watchman, 15 Eyeball, 16 Switch, 18 Set-to, 19 Fair.

JUMBLE

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Kruke

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon

Answer here:

ANSWERS TOMORROW

YESTERDAY'S Jumbles: PETTY, ODDLY, GARLIC, HYPHEN. ANSWER: The stubborn and narrow-minded hog was being -- PIGHEADED



Karnataka has received investment proposals worth Rs 17,718 crores in April and May 2021 despite the second wave of Covid 19, more than many states. Large and Medium Industries Ministry cleared 120 investment proposals during April and May 2021. These investments aim to employ about 19,729 people across the state.

KARNATAKA'S PACKAGES OF HOPE

TO HELP citizens who have lost their livelihoods and incurred losses due to the COVID-19 second wave lockdown, the Karnataka government had announced many economic relief packages.

Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa said at a cost of Rs 1250 crores, financial compensation, food security and moratorium has been extended to the most vulnerable sections of the citizenry in the State to mitigate the adverse impact of the lockdown.

"The economic relief package is to help farmers, unorganised sector workers and comes at a cost of more than Rs 1250 crores. Despite the financial crunch we are facing we are announcing this package," BS Yediyurappa said. Rs 10,000 compensation has been announced for floriculture and horticulture farmers for losses due to the lockdown. Some 20,000 floriculture farmers and 69,000 horticulture farmers are expected to benefit out of this announcement, the Chief Minister said.

"Licensed and registered auto drivers and cab drivers will be given Rs 3000 financial assistance. About 2.10 lakh persons are estimated to benefit out of this. Rs 3000 will also be transferred to the bank accounts of construction workers registered with construction workers welfare board," BS Yediyurappa said.

Rs 2000 financial assistance has also been announced for unorganised sector workers like barbers, washermen, mechanics, leather workers, carpenters, tailors, coolies, rag-pickers, household helps and

street vendors. An estimated 3.04 lakh persons from the unorganised sector and 2.2 lakh street vendors registered with *Atmanirbhar* funds are set to benefit from the announcement, the chief minister said.

Relief for the Unorganised Segment

In the first week of June, Yediyurappa announced an extension of the existing lockdown but also announced additional schemes under the economic relief package that was announced earlier in May. Cash incentives for fishermen, weavers, *Anganwadi* workers, teachers, etc. and electricity bill subsidies for MSMEs and other industries etc estimated to cost Rs 500 crore were announced.

BPL Focus

On June 14, Yediyurappa announced a compensation scheme aimed at helping poor families who lost earning members to COVID-19. As an extension of the economic relief package announced in two parts so far by the Karnataka government, Rs 1 lakh will be given as compensation to BPL card holding families who have lost an adult earning member to COVID-19.

"COVID-19 pandemic has killed earning members, pushing families into extreme financial distress. Keeping this in mind, BPL families that have lost an adult earning member to COVID-19 will be given Rs 1 lakh as compensation. It will be limited to one person per family," Yediyurappa said. He added that the scheme is estimated to cost Rs 200-300 Crores in addition to the already announced economic relief package worth Rs 1850 crores.



Being Humane

Considering the humane aspect of the entire crisis, Karnataka government had earmarked parcels of land to the extent of 230 acres and 25 *guntas* at different locations around Bengaluru city to set up makeshift cremation grounds. Karnataka's Revenue Minister R Ashoka even performed *asti visarjan* of 1200-plus cases.

CONQUERING THE WAVES

IN HIS OPENING WORDS OF THE 1980 NOVEL, 'LONELY ON THE MOUNTAIN', AMERICAN NOVELIST AND SHORT-STORY WRITER LOUIS L'AMOUR WROTE, "THERE WILL COME A TIME WHEN YOU BELIEVE EVERYTHING IS FINISHED. THAT WILL BE THE BEGINNING." WHILE MANY WINDOWS CLOSED, AROUND THE WORLD, THE PANDEMIC THREW OPEN MANY DOORS OF A NEW BEGINNING, A NEW WAY OF LIFE. IN KARNATAKA TOO, WHEN IT WAS DARK ENOUGH, HOPE MADE US SEE LIGHT. CHIEF MINISTER YEDIYURAPPA'S GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN FIGHTING AGAINST ODDS. STARING AT OPPOSITION, HE HAS DONE WHAT BEST COULD BE. A LOOK INTO HIS GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS...



Prime Minister **Narendra Modi**

Call of Care

Yediyurappa upheld the moral rights of doctors, nurses and grama panchayat representatives by talking to them over video conferencing regularly.

Personal Review

The chief minister visited the districts of Tumakuru, Belagavi and Dharwad, personally reviewing control measures

Joint Efforts

All district in-charge ministers, MLAs, MPs and other representatives from all levels have collectively joined hands in helping patients and containing the virus.

Vaccination Drive

So far, a total of 1.45 crore doses of vaccine have been administered. This includes 1.17 crore first dose and 28.24 lakh second dose. (Statistics is available on the CoWin portal)



PRECAUTION

The Chief minister met with ministers and officials from time to time and guided on taking precautionary and controlling measures

MONITORING

Despite being himself infected with Covid-19; he monitored the situation of the state from the hospital itself

APRIL 27

Stringent sanctions imposed, and concerned authorities instructed to strictly adhere to the guidelines.

ARMY COMING

Covid hospitals were established by the Indian Army too



BED AVAILABILITY

To curb the shortage of bed availability, step-down hospitals in collaboration with private hospitals and covid-care centers were setup.



SWIFT ACTIONS

When the demand for availability of oxygen, ICU, ventilators in hospitals were high, the government took swift actions to ensure the availability of the essentials.

TASK FORCES

Even though cases increased in the districts of Bengaluru, Kalaburagi, Belagavi, Bidar, Mysuru and Dakshina Kannada, the number of cases increased in other districts as well. In addition, there were increased incidents of infection in rural areas. The state government realised this and created task forces at the Gram Panchayat level, leading to infection control.

CONTROLLED DISTRIBUTION

In addition to collecting oxygen from all available sources, the government procured Remdesivir in bulk and ensured that they are distributed only through drug control portal, thereby ensuring the black market sale of Remdesivir is stopped

FIELD HOSPITALS

Companies like JSW and Vedantu have started Covid Care Field Hospitals in Bellary and Chitradurga districts which have eased the situation in districts with low health facilities

DECISIVE ACTIONS

When infection spread beyond expectations, decisions were made swiftly as if it was a time of war.

HOLY TOUCH

Religious and social institutes like Sri Siddhaganga Mutt of Tumakuru, Gavisiddheshwar Mutt of Koppal, Sri Kshetra Dharmasthala Rural Development Institute, and Sri Adichunchanagiri Mahasasthanam joined hands with the government in controlling the pandemic.



TACKLING AGENDA

Classification of patients according to the severity of infection and allotment of beds using online tools immediately ensured quick treatment and transparency in the process.

HOBLI FOCUS

Covid care centers are established at hobli level to take good care of the infected people.

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Industrialists of the state, corporate bodies, foreign governments exhibited generosity by donating modular ICU units, oxygen cylinders, oxygen concentrators, ventilators and other facilities in large numbers.

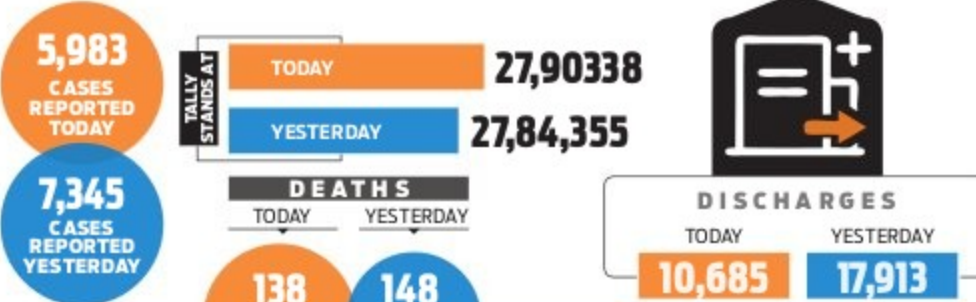
THIRD WAVE PREPAREDNESS

A task force was setup regarding Covid third wave preparations chaired by Dr Devi Shetty. Action will be taken on the recommendation of this task force.

TESTING

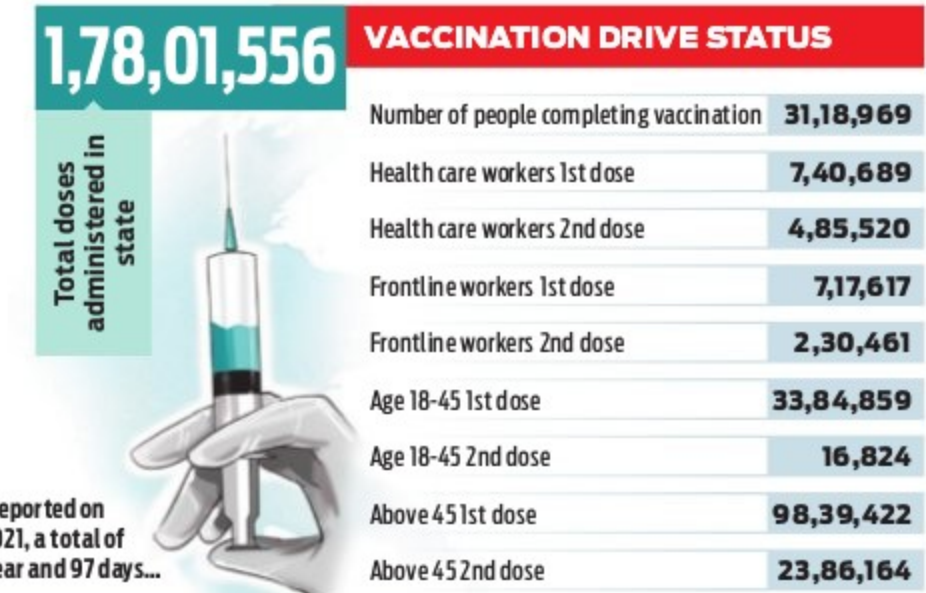
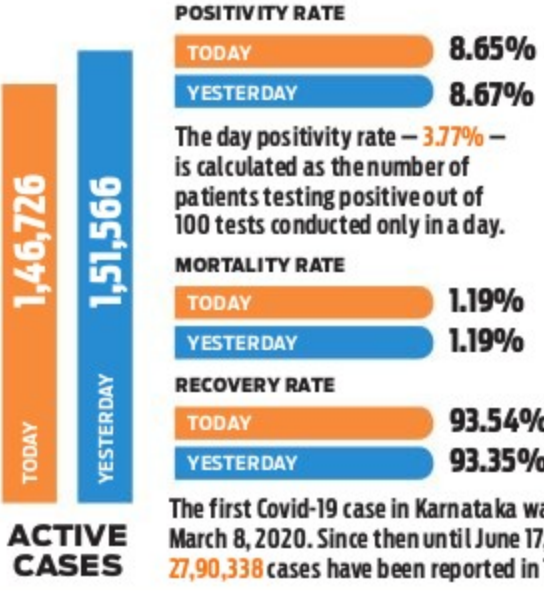
In the state, more than 3 crore corona tests were conducted. Positivity rate on 13.06.2021 was 4.56%.

TRACKING COVID-19
SPEED AND RISE OF COVID-19 CASES IN KARNATAKA



DISTRICT-WISE COVID CASES
LAST 24 HOURS

1,209 BENGALURU URBAN	Bagalkot: 22	Chamarajanagar: 98	Dakshina Kannada: 679	Hassan: 424	Kolar: 145	Raichur: 16	Udupi: 166
226 BENGALURU RURAL	Ballari: 128	Chikkaballapura: 119	Davanagere: 153	Haveri: 42	Koppal: 48	Ramanagara: 37	Uttara Kannada: 169
	Belagavi: 172	Chikkamagaluru: 198	Dharwad: 86	Kalaburagi: 25	Mandya: 309	Shivamogga: 229	Vijayapura: 83
	Bidar: 8	Chitradurga: 110	Gadag: 34	Kodagu: 152	Mysuru: 596	Tumakuru: 289	Yadgir: 11



Positive cases drop in dists, raise hope of unlocking

Shivamogga down to 130 cases per day, D'gere records 153 cases

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Shivamogga, Davanagere

THERE is a sudden drop in the number of Covid cases in rural areas, with Shivamogga and Davanagere districts reporting a record low cases on Thursday. The districts are steadily moving towards unlocking from June 21.

In Shivamogga, the number of cases dropped from 335 on June 15 to just 130 on June 16. Till June 13, the number of cases was between 400 and 500. The number dipped to 399 on June 14, followed by a sharp slide in the next two days. However, the number of cases recorded in Shivamogga and Bhadravathi taluks is high in the past week — on June 14 and 15, Shivamogga recorded 128 and 118 cases respectively, and Bhadravathi recorded 87 and 73 cases respectively. While the number of cases dropped on June 16 — 62 in Shivamogga taluk and 29 in Bhadravathi taluk — it remained high compared to other taluks, which recorded single-digit cases. Only Shikaripura recorded 15 cases.

According to sources, the rain is also checking people's movement in the past four or five days, and may have contributed to flattening the curve. The death rate, too, has come down drastically from the earlier figure of 7-8 per day, to 4, in the past four days.

The week-long extension of lockdown in Shivamogga is now showing results. In all, 10 districts where the positivity rate was 9-10 per cent, had gone into extended lockdown.

Asha workers play big role

After the peak in positive cases in mid-May and first week of June, when the positivity rate



A health worker collects swab samples of a woman in Shivamogga | SHIMOGGA NANDAN

had reached 38 per cent, Davanagere district is seeing a decline in the number of cases. Positivity rate was 12 per cent on Thursday.

The district took active interest in tracking, testing and treating patients through its Asha workforce. With the help of the panchayat, revenue and health officials, besides politicians, they were successful in changing the mindset of the rural population who moved towards Covid Care Centres. Patient discharge rate has steadily increased to 96 per cent. There was a great deal of resistance from villagers. District surveillance officer Dr GD Raghavan said, "Intensive case search at the doorstep of contacts and suspects, including triaging, helped in treatment and quick recovery of patients."

The district, which saw thousands of cases on a single day, reported 153 cases on Thursday, 207 on Wednesday, 183 on Tuesday and 391 on Sunday — an indication that the trend is on the decline. Mortality rate in Davanagere stood at 1.12 per cent.

K'taka sees 5,983 fresh Covid-19 cases

BENGALURU: The state on Thursday reported 5,983 fresh Covid-19 cases taking the total tally since the beginning of the pandemic last year to 27,90,338. With 138 people succumbing to the virus on Thursday, the total death count now stands at 33,434. However, the mortality rate, has remained the same (1.19 per cent) for the last five days. Meanwhile, the positivity rate reduced from 8.67 per cent (Wednesday) to 8.65 per cent, on Thursday. The recovery rate, too, has increased from 93.35 per cent (Wednesday) to 93.54 per cent, with 10,685 people getting discharged. With this, the active case load has decreased from 1.51 lakh to 1.46 lakh. Bengaluru saw 1,209 cases taking the total tally to 12.01 lakh. Active caseload fell to 79,000 from 80,000 recorded on Wednesday. ENS

Gangrene in post-Covid patients a worry

RANJANI MADHAVAN @ Bengaluru

DOCTORS are reporting cases of gangrene (death of body tissue due to lack of blood flow that affects limbs and sometimes insides of the body as well) in patients who have recovered from Covid-19. What is more worrying is that if there is a delay in availing treatment, doctors might have to amputate the affected leg/limb and if a part of the intestine is dead, then the segment needs to be removed.

According to Dr Venkatesh Reddy, Consultant, Vascular and Endovascular Surgery, Manipal Hospitals, the hospital has seen 20 gangrene cases so far in the second wave. "Gangrene affects the legs and toes, hands and fingers in the form of blackish discoloration and coldness. This is being

seen in the second wave... in younger patients and is possibly linked to Covid-19 variants. Within 6-8 hours, the digits (finger, thumb or toe) can be preserved.

However, many patients are referred late and it is not possible to dissolve the clot through thrombolysis or remove the clot through embolectomy. Then the body part has to be amputated," he said. Dr Reddy said that if the gangrene has a cardiac effect, there are high chances of fatality.

At Apollo Hospitals, Dr Baskar Pai, Senior Consultant, General Surgery and Laparo-

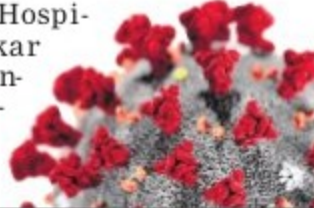
scopic Surgeon, has seen 5-6 such cases in the recent past. "Owing to blood-clotting tendencies post Covid-19, patients

suffer gangrene if the clot goes to the limbs, or internal organs such as intestines. They present with severe abdominal pain, vomiting, blood in motion and abdominal distention (bloating). Blood investigations and CT scan reveal gangrene. If they have it, we have to operate and remove that segment of the body which is dead. For example, it could be 12 ft of the intestine and then we have to rejoin the remaining part," he added.

Gangrene

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Dr Venkatesh Reddy, Manipal Hospitals



Decide on providing free treatment to black fungus patients: HC to govt

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

EXPRESSING concern over the steady increase in the number of mucormycosis (black fungus) cases, high fatality rate and expensive treatment, the Karnataka High Court on Thursday directed the State Government to ensure that there are adequate beds to treat such patients in all public hospitals.

The court also directed the government to immediately take a decision on providing free treatment for patients suffering from

mucormycosis. A special division bench of Chief Justice A Bha y S h r e e n i was Oka and Justice Aravind Kumar told the government to take a decision by Monday, after the court's attention was drawn to a member of the Bar spending Rs 11 lakh to avail treatment for black fungus.

Noting that the state reported over 600 black fungus cases in the last one week, the court said the fatality rate too was high. The government and the BBMP should create awareness on the disease and take preventive measures in hospitals where Covid pa-

tients are being treated.

According to the data submitted to the court by the government, 2,817 cases of mucormycosis have been reported in the state till June 17, 2021. Among them, 2,304 are under treatment, 179 have been discharged, 217 have died and 117 have left against medical advice. The government informed the court that it has taken all steps to treat mucormycosis.

Meanwhile, the court also directed the government to ensure Covid-19 vaccine doses in hospitals, including smaller hospitals, in remote and rural areas, to ensure regional balance.

'Early detection of mucormycosis vital'

BENGALURU: Although the Delta variant of the SARS-CoV-2 virus is known to predispose patients to deadly opportunistic infections like mucormycosis (black fungus), early detection of symptoms and consultation with specialists can enable treating the disease in the initial stages itself, a senior specialist has said. The Delta variant is known to be 40 per cent more virulent than the Alpha variant. "Black fungus is very much treatable if patients take medical help on time, with typical recovery time being three weeks in early stages of the disease," Dr Srinivas K, Consultant ENT, Head & Neck Surgeon, Vikram Hospital, Bengaluru (a unit of Manipal Hospitals), said. ENS

Panel seeks report on malnutrition in kids

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@ Kalaburagi

FORMER Judge of Karnataka High Court Justice AN Venugopala Gowda, who is also the chairman of the committee to monitor the process of identification, medical examination and treatment of malnourished children, will be holding a meeting soon.

TNIE had carried a report titled — 'Malnutrition in kids

a worry in Kalyana K'taka'— on June 14 highlighting the plight of children in the region. State Legal Service Authority, Bengaluru, has asked the District and Session Judges of Raichur, Yadgir, Kalaburagi and Bidar — who are also chairman of district legal services authorities of their respective districts— to convene a meeting of various de-

partments and report on the steps to be taken to prevent malnutrition among children between the age group of 0 and 6.

Following this, the District and Sessions Judge of Raichur held a meeting. Similar meetings will also be held in Bidar, Kalaburagi and Yadgir by their respective authorities, sources told The New Indian Express.



Covid patient, who escaped rape bid, dies

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Kalaburagi

A 20-year-old woman Covid-19 patient, who escaped an alleged rape attempt by a private ambulance driver at GIMS Hospital, died here on Wednesday. Hospital authorities said the woman died of Covid-19 complications.

Meanwhile, activists of Janawadi Mahila Sanghatane, Pragna Kanunu Salaha Samiti and CPI-M staged a protest in front of the hospital on Thurs-

day alleging indifferent attitude of the district administration and GIMS with regard to taking action against the authorities concerned.

State vice-president of Janawadi Mahila Sanghatane Neela K and district secretary of CPI-M Sharanabasappa Mamashetty demanded that the government conduct a high-level inquiry to find out whether the woman died of Covid-19 or due to mental agony after the attempt to sexually assault her.

When the GIMS Hospital has

deputed security personnel, how did the accused entered the women's ward and attempted to rape the patient, they asked in a press release. "Where were the duty doctors and nurses at that time?" the note added. It can be recalled that a private ambulance driver allegedly tried to rape the Covid-19 patient after removing her urine pipe recently. However, the woman raised an alarm and the accused fled from the scene. However, the driver was later arrested.

UNLOCK MODE

All the peaks are over in most districts of Karnataka, say experts

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Lockdown should be relaxed when the three peaks are over, as illustrated below. For the attention of administrators, there are two more parameters to study: mortality acceleration and numbers of daily deaths. When the graph of active cases peaks, the mortality acceleration would be in progress — we must expect a rapid increase in the number of very sick patients over the next 2-3 weeks — administrators should be ready for enhancing healthcare surge capacity. Once the number of daily deaths also peaks and declines, everyone can relax, lockdown can be eased gradually and carefully but the tempo of Covid immunisation and adherence to Covid-appropriate behaviour

should be sustained.

Once the numerical mortality peak is over, the district will have surplus supply of essential necessities of hospitals, especially medicines and oxygen concentrators — they should be shared with needy neighbours.

In Karnataka, now all the peaks are over in most districts. Bengaluru Urban (see graph) is a typical example where all the peaks are over and mortality (not shown) has also started coming down. Careful relaxation of curbs can be introduced, maintaining 'social vaccine' and continuing immunization, in view of the slight apparent increase in infection momentum.

Even though the momentum of transmission is apparently increasing, it is still less than 0: since both daily numbers and

active cases are declining steadily, this relative acceleration will not result in further rise of the current wave.

Mysuru (see graph), on the other hand, is an example of a district where momentum and numbers of cases have peaked, but active cases are hovering high, likely to peak soon. We know that mortality is still on the increase. Therefore, it is not yet time to relax lockdown restrictions.

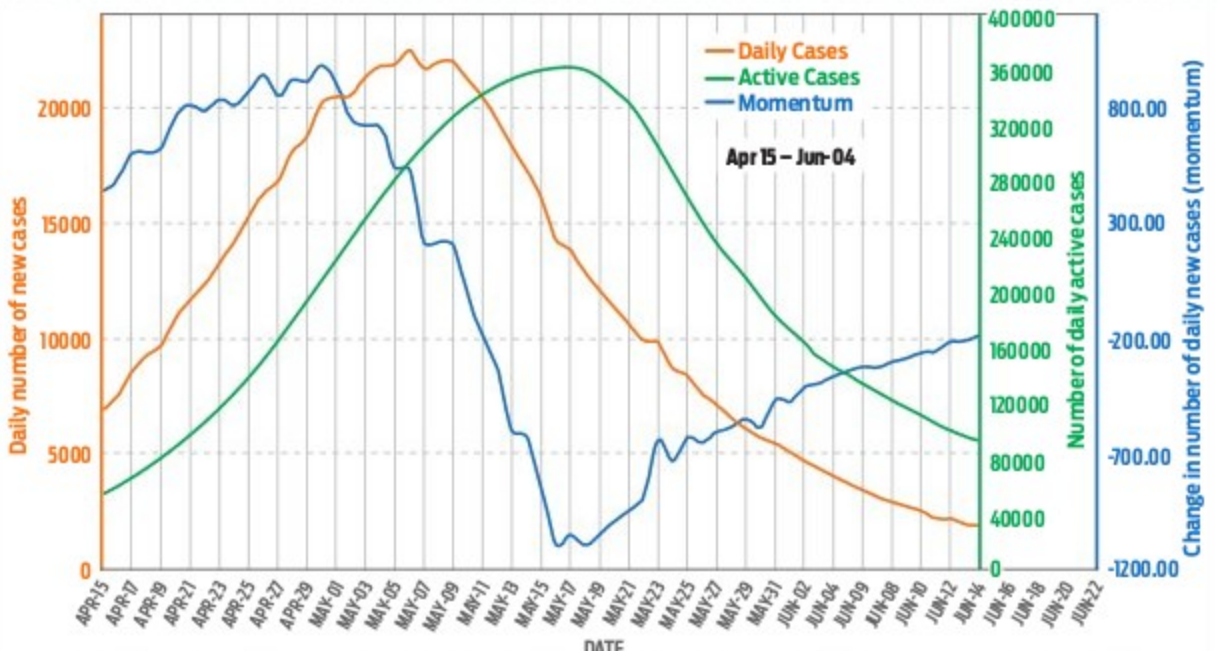
As of this writing (16 June) in Chitradurga and Davanagere active cases are nearing the peak. These districts, along with Mysuru, need to urgently enhance hospital surge capacity.

In all the remaining districts of Karnataka, all three peaks are over; in addition, even mortality acceleration and numerical mortality peak are over and

they can expect hospital admissions to progressively come down. They can begin allowing hospitals to admit non-Covid patients for elective treatment and surgery. They should, however, continue to focus on social vaccine and increase immunisation coverage.

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Bengaluru Urban, Karnataka Covid Momentum Analysis



Time for BSY to retire, says seer

BENGALURU :It is time to make a person from the Lingayat Panchamsali community as CM, Lingayat Panchamsali sect's Jai Mrutyunjaya Swami has said. A few months ago, he had led a padayatra and protested, seeking reservation for his community. He said that if the central leadership decides to remove Yediyurappa as CM, they will support the party wholeheartedly. He said that because of Yediyurappa's advanced age, certain people are misusing administrative power, and it is time for him to retire. "He has been CM four times, and has taken the support of the community but has not repaid the debt of the people," the swami said, adding that Yediyurappa has tried to divide the Panchamsali community, which is capable of taking the reins of leadership.

Adjustment politics by Cong, BJP: Revanna

HASSAN: Congress and BJP leaders are indulging in adjustment politics in Karnataka, former minister HD Revanna alleged here on Thursday. He told reporters that the national parties are making futile attempts to finish off the JDS in the state. Coming down heavily on Congress leader DK Suresh for taking up the fuel price issue for political gain, Revanna said the Congress is dreaming of power when the state is in the grip of the pandemic. He said the Congress is dependent on the leadership of former CM Siddaramaiah, and is existing in the state only because of him, or would have been uprooted by now.

MY PHONE BEING TAPPED, CLAIMS BELLAD

Demands investigation; former top cop Bidari had recently tweeted warning about phone-tapping

BANSY KALAPPA @ Bengaluru

DHARWAD West BJP MLA Arvind Bellad, who has been identified with a group of BJP dissidents frequenting New Delhi with complaints against Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa, on Thursday made a sensational allegation that his phone was being tapped, and followed it up with complaints to Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai, Speaker Vishweshwar Hegde Kageri and DGP Praveen Sood, requesting an investigation. Bellad said that a certain undertrial, Yuvraj Swamy, had called him from prison. He said

he got a missed call, and when he called back and realised it was Yuvraj Swamy who wanted to discuss political developments, he cut the call. The MLA suspects this was an attempt to fix him. He said his father was a 5-term legislator and he himself had a clean record, and this was an attempt to sully his image.

Interestingly, former police officer Shankar Bidari had tweeted ominously on June 13, "SB 235/2021 tapping of Telephones and mobiles of Law Abiding citizens and reli-

gious heads amounts to gross misuse of power. Such governments and officers indulging in such activities will be in serious trouble." When TNIE contacted Bidari on Sunday, he cryptically stated, "You will not understand this tweet. But the one who needs to understand this message, will. There is a certain number 234 which is significant." On Thursday too, Bidari refused to elaborate. CM Yediyurappa's Political Secretary MP Renukacharya downplayed the issue, say-

ing, "Our CM will not stoop to such levels", while BJP General Secretary Ravi Kumar dismissed Bellad as just a legislator. "Where is the question of tapping his phone? The party will speak to him."

Opposition leaders were quick to seek a probe. KPCC president DK Shivakumar told TNIE, "Since they had referred the phone-tapping allegations against the coalition government to the CBI, they should refer this too to the CBI." Former CM HD Kumaraswamy echoed Shivakumar, saying the matter should be referred to the CBI. "Now it

is their own party legislator who is making this allegation. I have heard this government has been tapping phones of industrialists and politicians. Tax sleuths are tapping phones of big industrialists and moneyed politicians all over the country with two purposes -- to collect information and use it to put them in trouble. There is no privacy left. What Bellad has said is true."

Opposition leader Siddaramaiah wanted the matter to be investigated by a retired HC judge. There is a possibility that phones of opposition leaders too are being tapped, he said.

RTI activist files plaint against Surya

ENS @ Bengaluru

AN RTI activist has filed a complaint against Bengaluru South MP Tejasvi Surya for allegedly violating lockdown norms by dining in at a hotel on Nrupatunga Road on Tuesday.

RTI activist Vijay Dennis filed a complaint with Halasuru Gate police station, stating that the state had declared lockdown and hotels and restaurants are allowed only takeaway. However, it was published in the media that Surya and singer Vijay Prakash were found dining at Hotel Nisarga Grand on Nrupatunga Road on Tuesday. "This is a violation of the lockdown and the MP should be booked and an FIR lodged under the NDMA Act and IPC," he alleged in the complaint. However, police are yet to register an FIR in this regard.

Bommai chairs GoM on cess

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Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai, representing CM BS Yediyurappa, chaired a virtual meeting of the Group of Finance Ministers of seven states on GST on Thursday, to discuss the proposal by Sikkim to collect Covid cess.

The meeting was called to debate the tax hike proposed by Sikkim to tide over the revenue shortage of about 30% due to the pandemic. The finance ministers of seven states including Delhi, Kerala, Chhattisgarh, Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka, Orissa and Sikkim discussed the proposal to hike taxes on the pharma and power sectors within the state of Sikkim.

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AT a private hotel in the city, another set of BJP leaders — most of them with a long list of complaints against Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa — also held meetings.

During their individual interactions with Arun Singh at the State BJP headquarters, the party seemed to be clearly divided into three groups — one batting for Yediyurappa's continuation as chief minister; another lobbying for leadership change and a third that came with a bunch of complaints against the government, but were agreeable to anything that the high command decided.

"There was no discussion on leadership change," Arun Singh reiterated on Thursday. More than two dozen party MLAs, ministers, party leaders met Arun Singh and all their concerns were noted down. But, going by legislators' own admission, arguments for and against Yediyurappa were



BJP general secretary and party's Karnataka in-charge Arun Singh arrives at the party office in Bengaluru on Thursday

made behind closed doors. "The BJP's parliamentary committee decides who becomes Chief Minister. It is not a matter to be discussed on the streets lightly," party national general secretary C T Ravi told the media outside the BJP headquarters.

"Any general secretary's job is to make note of what leaders have to say and convey it to the central leaders. No decision will be taken at his level. People needed a platform to vent out and the party has given them one. An outburst by leaders like Arvind Bellad was not anticipated," said a senior party functionary.

It is impossible to replace BSY: Ramesh

Belagavi: Former Water Resources Minister Ramesh Jarkiholi, who headed the team of 17 MLAs into the BJP to enable B S Yediyurappa to form the government, said it is impossible to replace Yediyurappa as Chief Minister for the next two years, and that the next assembly elections would be fought under his leadership. He told the media in Gokak on Thursday, "We joined BJP only for the sake of Home Minister Amit Shah and Yediyurappa. If some party MLAs are upset and issue statements against the CM, we have to take them into confidence. I will ask Yediyurappa to talk to those MLAs. We MLAs are like a family in the BJP. The party will overcome all the problems soon." ENS

Opposition slams BJP, seeks Gov's intervention

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As the internal differences within the BJP came to the fore on Thursday, the opposition Congress and the JDS said administration in the state has collapsed and sought the governor's intervention.

Former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, said the governor must dismiss the government as the administration has collapsed due to internal differences in the BJP. Ministers who are expected to supervise measures being taken to fight the pandemic are not attending to their work. Instead, they are busy in their party office, he said and added that MLAs are not camping in their constituencies to help people hit by Covid. Experts have warned about the third wave. But the CM and the ministers are busy protecting their interests, Siddaramaiah hit out.

KPCC working president Saleem Ahmed said that instead of camping in Bengaluru and fighting to retain power, district ministers and MLAs should return to their districts to help people hit by the pandemic.

Former CM and JDS leader H D Kumaraswamy said BJP leaders, who are fighting to retain power, should think about people who are in distress due to Covid.



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Siddaramaiah, former CM

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Office of the Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation, Division, Kalaburgi-585105

No:EE/RDW&S/Dvn/Tech/2021-22/446 Dated : 14-06-2021

E-PROCUREMENT SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (Two cover)

The Executive Engineer Rural Drinking water & Sanitation Division, Kalaburgi on behalf of Honorable Governor, Karnataka here by invites separate Technical & Financial bid tender for drinking water works from eligible civil contractor detailed as below.

The Tender Document with detailed conditions can be obtained through web site <http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in> and should be submitted through E-procurement system only

1) Name of work : Jewargi Taluka -11 (Indent No 30652, 30651, 30650, 30648, 30644, 30637, 30636, 29368, 29362, 29361, 29360, 2) Head of A/C : Jal Jeevan Mission 2020-21, 3) Eligibility of Contractor : Class-III & II & above, 4) Tender Amount : Min 52,46,000/-, Max 82,72,000/-, 5) Date of Commencement of downloading of Bidding document : **14-06-2021 11:00am**, 6) Cost of tender form and EMD : As per E-portal, 7) Last Date to submit bids on e-portal : **25-06-2021 4:00pm**, 8) Opening of Technical bid : **28-06-2021 11:00am**, 9) Opening of Financial bid : **30-06-2021 11:00am**, 10) Address for any clarification reg. tender : Office of the Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, PRE division 1st floor Kusanoor road Kalaburgi

Sd/- Executive Engineer, RDW&S Division Kalaburgi
DIP/Kalaburgi/302/MC&A/A2021-22

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ಉಪ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಗಣಿ ಮತ್ತು ಭೂವಿಜ್ಞಾನ ಇಲಾಖೆ,
ಸೆಕ್ಟರ್ ನಂ.67, ಯುನಿಟ್-02, ನವನಗರ ಬಾಗಲಕೋಟೆ-587103
ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 08354-297534, ಇಮೇಲ್: dmgbagalkot@gmail.com, ddlik-dmg-ka@nic.in

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಗೃಹಾಣ/ಉನಿವಾ/ದ್ವೀಪ್ ಸರ್ವೆ/2021-22 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 17/06/2021

ಇ-ಬಿಡ್ಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆ

ಬಾಗಲಕೋಟೆ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ ಕಛೇರಿಗೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿದ ಪ್ರದರ್ಶನ ಹಾಗೂ ಗಣಿ ಮತ್ತು ಭೂವಿಜ್ಞಾನ ಇಲಾಖೆ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು ನುರುಕಿಸುವ ಇತರ ಯಾವುದೇ ಕಲ್ಯಾಣ ಪ್ರದರ್ಶನವನ್ನು DRONE/DGPS ಸಮೀಕ್ಷೆ ಮೂಲಕ ಗಡಿಗಳನ್ನು ನುರುಕಿಸುವುದು, ಸುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಪ್ರದರ್ಶನ ಒಳಗೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಹೊರಗೆ ತೆಗೆಯಲಾಗಿರುವ ಖನಿಜದ ಪ್ರಮಾಣವನ್ನು ಅಂದಾಜಿಸುವುದು ಮತ್ತು ಕಲ್ಯಾಣಿಗಣಿ ಸುತ್ತಿಗೆಗಳ Reduced Level ಅನ್ನು ದಾಖಲಿಸುವ ಸೇವೆಯನ್ನು ಒದಗಿಸಲು ಅರ್ಹ ಬಿಡ್ಡರ್‌ರರಿಂದ ಇ-ಪ್ರೋಕ್ಯೂರಿಂಗ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಇ-ಬಿಡ್ಡರ್ ಮರು ಕರೆಯುತ್ತಿರುವ ಬಗ್ಗೆ.

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ಕ್ರ. ಸಂ.	ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ	ಖನಿಜದ ಹೆಸರು	ಸುತ್ತಿಗೆಗಳ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ	ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ (ಎ/ಗಾ)
1	ಬಾಗಲಕೋಟೆ	ಕಲ್ಮಡ ಕಲ್ಲು	21	53-002

1	ಇ-ಪ್ರೋಕ್ಯೂರಿಂಗ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಬಿಡ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯುಮೆಂಟ್ ಹಾಗೂ ಇನ್ನಿತರ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಡೌನ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದಾದ ದಿನಾಂಕ:	18/06/2021
2	ಬಿಡ್ಡರ್ ಪೂರ್ವಭಾವಿ ಸಭೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ಸ್ಥಳ:	ದಿನಾಂಕ: 30/06/2021 ರಂದು ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11:00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ ಸ್ಥಳ: ಉಪ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಗಣಿ ಮತ್ತು ಭೂವಿಜ್ಞಾನ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ಸೆಕ್ಟರ್ ನಂ.67 ಯುನಿಟ್-02 ನವನಗರ, ಬಾಗಲಕೋಟೆ-587103
3	ಬಿಡ್ಡರ್‌ರ ದಸ್ತಾವೇಜು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ:	02/07/2021 ಸಂಜೆ 5:30 ಗಂಟೆವರೆಗೆ
4	ಬಿಡ್ಡರ್‌ರ ಆಂತರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ಸಮಯ:	05/07/2021 ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11:30
5	ಇ-ಎಂ.ಡಿ ಪೆನ್‌ಕೃ ರೂ	3314/-

ಬಿಡ್ಡರ್ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಇ-ಪ್ರೋಕ್ಯೂರಿಂಗ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ <http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in> ರಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಬಿಡ್ಡರ್ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಉಪ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಗಣಿ ಮತ್ತು ಭೂವಿಜ್ಞಾನ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ಬಾಗಲಕೋಟೆ ಇವರಿಗೆ ಬುದ್ಧಿಗಾಗಿ ಅಥವಾ ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 08354-297534 ರ ಮೂಲಕ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಲು ಕೋರಿದೆ.

ಬಿಡ್ಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವುದೇ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿ/ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಗಳು ಇದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಬುದ್ಧಿವಾನ್ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆ ವೇದಿಕೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾತ್ರ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುವುದೆಂದು ತಿಳಿಯಪಡಿಸಿದೆ.

ಸಹ- ಉಪ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು (ಪ್ರ) ಹಾಗೂ ಸದಸ್ಯ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಟಾಸ್ಕ್ ಫೋರ್ಸ್ (ಗಣಿ)ಸಮಿತಿ ಬಾಗಲಕೋಟೆ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ

ವಾ.ಸಾ.ಇ/ಬಾಗಲಕೋಟೆ/119/2021-22/ದೇವತಾಪ್ರದರ್ಶನ

ಕೋಡ್-19, ಆತಂಕ ವೇದ: ಮುನ್ನಿಟ್ಟಂತೆ ಇರಲಿ.

ಮಾಸ್ಕ್ ಧರಿಸಿ 6 ಅಡಿ ದೂರ ಕಾಯ್ದಿರಿಸಿ ಕೈಗಳ ಸ್ವಚ್ಛತೆ ಕಾಪಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಿ

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given to the Public that Our Client, M/s Elegant Properties, has entered into an Agreement of Sale dated 31.10.2020 with 1) M/s Gears and Pinions Pvt. Ltd., 2) M/s Ozone Realtors Pvt. Ltd., 3) Mr. R. Shankar 4) M/s. Universal Carburizing Works Pvt. Ltd. and 5) M/s Ozone Elegant Developers LLP, to purchase 90,000 sq. ft. in the entire ground, first and remaining area in the sixth and seventh floor of the Commercial Portion in WF 48 and 2 penthouses in the Residential Portion of the land in Survey No. 61, 61/1, 61/2, 61/3 (Amalgamated BSNP Khata No. 490), situated at Whitefield Main Road, Mahadevapura Village, Krishnarajapuram, Bengaluru, mortgaged described in the agreement of Sale dated 31.10.2020. The said Agreement of Sale dated 31.10.2020 is registered as Document No.SHV-1-03282-2020-21 in C.D. No. SHV0740 of Book I in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Shivajinagar, Bengaluru. All persons are hereby informed not to deal or enter into any transaction with anyone in respect of the aforesaid property. If anyone has already entered into any transaction kindly inform the undersigned in writing on the below mentioned address within 15 days from this date.

KNS Legal, Advocates,
No. 11/3-5, 2nd Floor, Palace Loop Road, Vasanthnagar, Bengaluru - 560 052.

SANJAY GANDHI INSTITUTE OF TRAUMA AND ORTHOPAEDICS
(Government of Karnataka Autonomous Institute)
Byrasandra, Jayanagara East, Bengaluru - 560 011 Ph: 080-26564516, 26562500 Grams: SITO Fax: 26565222 E-mail: sitodirector@gmail.com
No. EST(1)/AP-VS/57/2021-22 Date: 16.06.2021

NOTIFICATION
Applications are invited to fill up the following posts on direct recruitment in the prescribed application form available in this Institute. The application form will be issued from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm on all working days from 19.06.2021 to 18.07.2021.

Sl. No.	Name of the post	Department	Classification
01	Assistant Professor - 01 Post Rs.15600-39100 + AGP 8000 (Pay in the pay band 21900 + Grade pay 8000 = 29900 + Allowances)	1. Vascular Surgery	General Merit (Female)

The Application can be obtained on payment of Cash / DD in the name of the Director, Sanjay Gandhi Institute of Trauma and Orthopaedics, Byrasandra, Jayanagara East, Bengaluru. The application fee will be Rs.2,000/- in respect of GM, and Rs.500/- for SC/ST, Cat-1 and Physically handicapped candidates should produce copy of concerned certificate before obtaining the application. The last date for receiving the completed application forms to this office is upto **4:00 pm on 18.07.2021**. Applications will not be received after 4:00 pm either directly or by post. The application can also be obtained by post by enclosing the amount of Rs.100/- to the prescribed fee by Demand Draft. For more details log on www.sgitd.org with effect from 22.06.2021.

Sd/- DIPR/559/2021-22 Director

भारत सरकार / GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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नाभिकीय ईंधन कॉम्प्लेक्स / NUCLEAR FUEL COMPLEX
अंधापुर, हैदराबाद - 500062
ECIL POST, HYDERABAD- 500 062

ई-निविदा आमंत्रण हेतु सूचना NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER
निविदा सूचना संख्या Tender Notice Nos.: E/617/2021

भारत के राष्ट्रपति की ओर से, ऑनलाइन (ई-टेंडर) के माध्यम से खसम और पचाव अनुभव रखने वाले पात्र टेकदारों से निम्नलिखित कार्य हेतु एकल परण प्रणाली में मदद कर निविदाएं आमंत्रित की जाती हैं।
On behalf of President of India, on line(e-tender) Single Part item rate tenders are invited from competent and well experienced eligible contractors for the following work.
कार्य का नाम Name of the Work: Providing Electrical Installations for Tube preparation building at NFC, Hyderabad

अनुमानित लागत Estimated Cost	Rs. 1,70,07,100/-
रेके की अवधि Duration of contract	8 Months
निःशुल्क देखने और ई-निविदा को डाउनलोड करने की अवधि	19.06.2021 to 30.06.2021
बोली की ऑनलाइन प्रस्तुत करने की देय तिथि Due date for online submission of bids	10.07.2021 upto 20:00 hrs
हार्ड प्रतियों को प्रस्तुत करने की देय तिथि Due date for submission of hard copies	17.07.2021 upto 17:00 hrs
बोली खोलने की तिथि Date of opening of bid	19.07.2021 @ 11:00 hrs

विस्तृत निविदा नोटिस और पात्रता मानदंडों को नाईस की वेबसाइट www.nfc.gov.in पर देखा जा सकता है। The detailed tender notice and eligibility criteria can be seen in NFC Website www.nfc.gov.in. निविदा दस्तावेजों को केवल www.tenderwizard.com/DAE की वेबसाइट से डाउनलोड किया जा सकता है। Tender documents can be downloaded only from website www.tenderwizard.com/DAE. इच्छुक बोलीकारों को के पास के बस-111 डिजिटल हस्ताक्षर होने चाहिए तथा निविदा को डाउनलोड तथा भाग लेने हेतु उन्हें www.tenderwizard.com/DAE में अपना नाम दर्ज करवाना होगा। The intended bidders must have valid Class-III digital signature and should enroll with www.tenderwizard.com/DAE for downloading the tender and participation.

हस्ताक्षर
Superintending Engineer (PD, EP, AC & Vent)

KARNATAKA STATE FINANCIAL CORPORATION
Bangalore Rural Branch: No.197, 1st Floor, II Stage, West of Chord Road, (Near Rajajinagar I Block Bus Stop), Bangalore - 560 086.
Tel. No:080-23197995/996. E-mail: rrur@ksfc.co Website : ksfc.in

PUBLIC NOTICE
SALE OF CONVENTIONAL HALL / COMMERCIAL COMPLEX THROUGH e-AUCTION
The following commercial complex/conventional hall has been taken over by the Corporation under Sec.29 of SFC's Act 1951.

1) Name of the Unit: M/s Sangeetha Complex Prop.: Sri R.Govindaraju
Description of Property: Property situated at No.911/1072/976/4518, Gangadharapura, 4th Ward, New Bus Stand Road, Doddaballapura Town, Bengaluru Rural District. Land Measuring 32640 sq.ft., along with Convention hall with total built up area around 4103.13 Sq.mtrs. consisting of Basement, GF, FF and SF., Plant & Machinery: Non operative kitchen equipments with chimney & exhaust-1 set etc., Hotel / Commercial shops Utility shops - 11 Nos. in ground floor, Lobby restaurant and office room and 32 rooms in 2nd floor and 3rd floor with total built up area around 2184.73 sq.mtr.

Reserve price Rs.714.62 lakhs EMD Price Rs.71.46 lakhs
Inspection Date and Time : 12.07.2021 11.30 AM to 1.00 PM
Persons interested for the purchase of the above assets may participate in the bid through e-auction, and the same are available for sale on "AS IS WHERE IS, WHAT IS AS IS, WHICH IS AS IS BASIS"
a) Last date to confirm participate of interest and payment of EMD through online payment will be on or before **17.07.2021 upto 4.00 PM**
b) e-auction will commence on date **19.07.2021 at 11.00 AM** and close on **27.07.2021 at 11.30 AM**
Terms & Conditions of Sale : The terms and conditions of the sale through e-auction are detailed in website <https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in>. The Interested persons are advised to visit to aforesaid website. This notice is also a 30 days statutory notice for sale of secured asset to the owner of the property and to the borrower as contemplated under Rule 8 (6) & 9(1).
For more details on participation of e-auction please contact e-procurement Helpdesk No. 91 8046010000, +91-8022631200, email - support@ihelpdesk.com or take hands on training at e-procurement Cell. 4th Floor, Sri. Arvind Bhavan, Mythik Society Building, Nrupatunga Road, Bangalore - 560001.

Date: 18.06.2021 Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that, our client **SRI. S. BAKTHAVATHALAM**, had lost the original as well as Photocopy of General Power of Attorney dated 04-02-1991 executed by Mr. B. V. Venkataswamy in favor of Mr. Mir Himayuddin, in respect of property bearing Site No.21, situated at Horamavu Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, while taking Xerox copy of the same near Banaswadi Sub registrar Office. If anybody found the said documents please contact this No.9844155041, 9611842798.

V. S. Rai & Associates,
Law Firm, No.23, 'Venkatadr' 6th Main,
5th Cross, S.R.Nagar, Bangalore-27.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

CHENNAI DIVISION
E-TENDER NOTICE
No. M/SG.2021-22-243
No. M/SG.2021-22-244 and
No. M/SG.2021-22-245

Sr.DSTE/Co-ordn/MAS acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders for the following works.

1) E-Tender No: M/SG.2021-22-243
Name of work: Signalling work in connection with 6 Engg works in MAS – AJJ section of Chennai Division.
Approx.Cash Value (Rs.) 45.4 Lakhs
2) E-Tender No: M/SG.2021-22-244
Name of work: Signalling work in connection with 6 Engg works in AJJ –JTJ section of Chennai Division.
Approx.Cash Value (Rs.) 21.1 Lakhs
3) E-Tender No: M/SG.2021-22-245
Name of work: Signalling work in connection with 4 Engg works in AJJ-RU section of Chennai Division.
Approx.Cash Value (Rs.) 21.3 Lakhs
Period of Completion: 12 Months

The complete details of the tender can be downloaded from the e-tender portal <https://www.ireps.gov.in> and can be seen on the Notice Board at the office of Senior Divisional Signal and Tele Communication Engineer/ Co-Ordn, Chennai Division, DRM office, Chennai – 600 003.

Senior Divisional Signal and Tele Communication Engineer/Signal, Chennai Division, Chennai – 600 003

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नाभिकीय ईंधन संयंत्र / NUCLEAR FUEL COMPLEX
इंजीनियरिंग बिल्डिंग, हैदराबाद-500062
EGIL POST, HYDERABAD-500 062

ई-निविदा आमंत्रण हेतु सूचना NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER
निविदा सूचना संख्या Tender Notice Nos.: M/491/2021

भारत के राष्ट्रपति की ओर से, ऑनलाइन (ई-टेंडर) के माध्यम से सूक्ष्म और पर्याप्त अनुभव रखने वाले पात्र ठेकेदारों से निम्नलिखित कार्य हेतु दोहरा चरण प्रणाली में मद्दद दर निविदाएं आमंत्रित की जाती हैं।
On behalf of President of India, on line(e-tender) Two Part item rate tenders are invited from competent and well experienced eligible contractors for the following work.

कार्य का नाम Name of the Work	General and Industrial Housekeeping and sanitation services for upkeep of areas and buildings at NFC, Hyderabad.
अनुमानित लागत Estimated Cost	Rs. 630.41 Lakhs
बयाना जमा राशि Earnest Money Deposit	On non-Judicial stamp paper of Rs.100/- duly notarized in original, shall be submitted
ठेके की अवधि Duration of contract	12 Months
निम्नलिखित देखने और ई-निविदा को डाउनलोड करने की अवधि Period for free view and downloading of e-tender	18.06.2021 to 05.07.2021
बोली की ऑनलाइन प्रस्तुत करने की देय तिथि Due date for online submission of bids	24.07.2021
हार्ड प्रतियों को प्रस्तुत करने की देय तिथि Due date for submission of hard copies	04.08.2021
बोली खोलने की तिथि Date of opening of bid	04.08.2021

विस्तृत निविदा नोटिस और प्रास्ता मानदंडों को नॉटिस की वेबसाइट www.nfc.gov.in पर देखा जा सकता है। The detailed tender notice and eligibility criteria can be seen in NFC Website www.nfc.gov.in. निविदा दस्तावेजों को केवल www.tenderwizard.com/DAE की वेबसाइट से डाउनलोड किया जा सकता है। Tender documents can be downloaded only from website www.tenderwizard.com/DAE. इच्छुक सेलिकरों को केवल वेब साइट - www.tenderwizard.com/DAE में अपना नाम दर्ज करवाना होगा। The intended bidders must have valid Class-III digital signature and should enroll with www.tenderwizard.com/DAE for downloading the tender and participation. संपर्क-सूत्र - दूरभाष संख्या Contact: 040-271804016/467714202, even@nfc.gov.in
हस्ता Sd/- वरिष्ठ अधीक्षक अभियंता (रतु, पीएच, सी.एस.एस. एवं ई.एस.)/
Senior Superintending Engineer (Q, PH, CMS & EM)

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
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STALLED NH-4A WORK TO RESUME

After three years, legal hurdles cleared as Supreme Court vacates stay on the road work

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THE work on National Highway-4A between Anmod and Ramana-gara, which had been stalled for the last three years, will resume soon as the Supreme Court has cleared the legal hurdles.

Three years ago, the road connecting Khanapur-Anmod and Ramanagara with Goa turned into a nightmare after the work by NHAI was stayed by a court based on PIL by a few environmentalists challenging the felling

of trees. The earlier two-lane road was damaged due to the widening project and the court stay caused hardship to villagers and travellers as there was no alternative route. The matter reached the Supreme Court.

“The project began after obtaining all clearances as per the law and the works had already begun. But then, a court ordered a stay. We are also pro-environment, but such PILs affect development of the region,”

former minister and senior Congress leader R V Deshpande told *The New Indian Express*.

Deshpande also tweeted thanking the Apex Court for vacating the stay, stating that it is a big relief for the villagers who had to bear the brunt all these years. He said that the work on road widening will resume within a couple of days.

“Since the last three years, there was huge inconvenience to tourists coming from Maharash-

tra. They had to take a long diversion to Dharwad road and reach Ganeshgudi. It is good that the stay has been vacated,” said G E Umesh, Managing Partner, Horn-bill Resorts.

Ravio Redkar, president, Kali Brigade, an organization working for conservation here, said, “Man is also part of the environment. People must get basic infrastructure as it is their right. People of this district are pro-environment. They have proved it time and again.”

CRIME PATROLS

GP member, driver held on rape charges

Bengaluru: A gram panchayat member has been arrested for allegedly raping a 28-year-old woman after threatening her with a fake gun. Ahmed Pasha, a resident of Shanubhoganahalli and a member of Bilawaradahalli gram panchayat, was arrested on Thursday, along with his driver, Wahid. The dummy gun and the car used in the crime have also been seized. A police officer said that Pasha was taken for medical tests soon after the arrest and he is said to have confessed to the crime.

The driver had picked up the woman in a car, police said. The both accused will be handed over to judicial custody on Friday. **ENS**

Kin assault hospital staff, case registered

Bengaluru: A group of men, relatives of a woman, who had hanged herself, have allegedly assaulted on-duty staffers she was declared brought dead at the emergency unit of Manipal Hospital on HAL Road. The accused had also ransacked the premises of the hospital. A senior police officer of Jeevan Bima Nagar police said that based on a, a case has been registered against Krishna and others under the Karnataka prohibition of violence against medical service personnel act and also for mischief causing damage, assault and criminal intimidation. “We are waiting to arrest the accused as they are yet to perform final rites of the deceased. The incident caught in CCTV footage, the officer said. **ENS**

Cops collect ₹10 lakh fine in 3 days for lockdown violations

BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

WHILE the city is going through the unlock period in phases, cops are not only noting down the details for violators, they are also booking cases against them. Traffic cops are stopping people on roads and are physically penalising them, taking photographs and sending notices.

In just three days, the police have collected Rs 10,24,750 as penalty. A senior police official told *The New Indian Express*, “The amount collected is going to the state exchequer and only helping improve the economy. The amount is less as many are let off with just a warning, but looking at the rising violations, the penalty will only rise in the coming days.”

The department has now decided that sufficient time has been given to people to understand the gravity of the situation and further on, leniency will not be shown to anyone anymore. The official said that those not adhering to the guidelines will be dealt with sternly.

In the last three days, the city police have in total registered 5,312 cases, of which 20 are under National Disaster Management Act (NDMA), 3,818 are against people not wearing masks and 1,494 are against people for maintaining social distance.

The official explained, “The cases under NDMA Act are against commercial establish-



Police personnel keep vigil on SP Road in Bengaluru on Thursday | EXPRESS

Date	2	3	4	Seized	NDMA	Mask	Social Dist.	Total Cases	Total Amount
WHEELERS									
June 14	86	0	31	117	6	1,219	474	1,693	4,21,000
June 15	118	2	16	136	9	1,348	514	1,862	4,64,500
June 16	95	0	21	116	5	1,251	506	1,757	1,39,250

ments, where certain units are open, which are not listed under the Unlock 1. These are at present large commercial units and restaurants. Cases against small shops are still being compiled and notices will be slapped soon.”

Pertaining to the cases against vehicles, the police official explained that there are certain people who are moving around

the city during lockdown hours. “So far, cases for not wearing a helmet and seat belt have not been included yet. Once that is done, the list will be longer. Last year, people complained that police treated citizens in an inhumane manner, but we are just trying to warn people now. But looking at the rising cases, we need to be stern again.”

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that we (i) Mr. K. S. Krishnamoorthy @ Kalpathy Subbaraman Krishnamoorthy, (ii) Mr. Subbaraman Subramanian (iii) Mr. K. S. Ramachandran @ Kalpathy Subbaraman Ramachandran; (iv) Mrs. K. S. Janaki @Janaki Subramanian (v) Mrs. K. S. Lakshmi @ Lakshmi Narayanan Krishnan, (vi) Mrs. K. S. Uma @ Uma Ramachandran Iyer; and (vii) Mrs. K. S. Gita @ Gita Ananthanarayanan are the absolute owners of residential apartment bearing No. B – 2, 1 Floor, bearing PID No. 76-23/231-5, along with One Covered Car Parking space in the Basement of the Residential Apartment Building known as “Far Vella Apartments” situated at No. 92/1, Old No. 23/1-1 & No. 23/1-5, III Cross, Lavelle Road, Bangalore 560 001, (which Property is morefully described as Schedule Property). We have been in peaceful possession and enjoyment of the Schedule Property.

It has now come to our notice that the Original Sale Deed dated 30.09.1988 registered as Document No. 2079/1988-89 in Book I, Volume 2746 at pages 234 - 238, in the Office of the Sub Registrar, Shivajinagar, Bangalore and the Original Sale Deed dated 07.10.1996 registered as Document No. 1996/1996-97 in Book I, Volume 3933 at pages 46 – 56, in the Office of the Sub Registrar, Shivajinagar, Bangalore, have been lost or misplaced and the same could not be traced. I have also lodged a Police Complaint in this regard.

Any Person(s) finding or holding or in possession of the above said document is/are not entitled to retain the custody of the said document and are requested to return the same forthwith to the below address.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the residential apartment bearing No. B – 2, PID No. 76-23/231-5, on the First Floor of the Apartment Building known as “Farvella Apartments”, having a super built up area of 1575 Sq. Ft., with one allotted car parking space in the Basement, together with 11/100th undivided share, right, title and interest in the land bearing No. 92/1, formerly a portion of No. 23 (Old No. 7), situated on 3rd Cross, Lavelle Road, Bangalore 560 001 (which is inclusive of proportionate share in common areas, such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircases and other areas of common use) and bounded on the:

East By : Property bearing No. 23/7 and 23/8.
West By : Road.
North By : Property bearing No. 23/1.
South By : Property bearing No. 23/2.

Mr. Subbaraman
No.18, A 1st Cross, RMV Extension, Bangalore 560 080.
M: 98450 67507

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our Client intends to purchase residential apartment bearing residential apartment bearing No. B – 2, 1 Floor, bearing PID No. 76-23/231-5, along with One Covered Car Parking space in the Basement of the Residential Apartment Building known as “Far Vella Apartments” situated at No. 92/1, Old No. 23/1-1 & No. 23/1-5, III Cross, Lavelle Road, Bangalore 560 001, morefully described in the Schedule hereunder from its owners – (i) Mr. K.S. Krishnamoorthy @ Kalpathy Subbaraman Krishnamoorthy; (ii) Mr. Subbaraman Subramanian (iii) Mr. K.S. Ramachandran @Kalpathy Subbaraman Ramachandran; (iv) Mrs. K.S. Janaki @ Janaki Subramanian (v) Mrs. K.S. Lakshmi @ Lakshmi Narayanan Krishnan, (vi) Mrs. K.S. Uma @ Uma Ramachandran Iyer; and (vii) Mrs. K.S. Gita @ Gita Ananthanarayanan. The Owner represents that they are the absolute owners of the Schedule Property and are free to enter into Agreement of Sale. They further represent that they have not conveyed or have not entered into any Agreement of Sale or any sort of understanding or arrangement with any other person(s) or third party(ies) for the sale of the Schedule Property. The Owners further represent that they have not mortgaged, liened or encumbered the Schedule Property in any manner and that apart from the Owners, there are no other person(s), firm or company or banks or financial institutions have any sort of right, title or claim over the Schedule Property. Any person/s having objections or claims may, with documentary evidence lodge their objection/claim, within ten (10) days from the date of this Notice with the undersigned, failing which, our Client shall proceed with the above-mentioned transaction.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the residential apartment bearing No. B – 2, PID No. 76-23/231-5, on the First Floor of the Apartment Building known as “Farvella Apartments”, having a super built up area of 1575 Sq. Ft., with one allotted car parking space in the Basement, together with 11/100th undivided share, right, title and interest in the land bearing No. 92/1, formerly a portion of No. 23 (Old No. 7), situated on 3rd Cross, Lavelle Road, Bangalore 560 001 (which is inclusive of proportionate share in common areas, such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircases and other areas of common use), and bounded on the:

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Mr. Yashir Ali, Advocate
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DEMAND NOTICE TO BORROWER / GUARANTOR / MORTGAGOR

Notice issued under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

To,

Borrower : 1. Prasanna Kumar M N, S/o M Narayan, No.7, 6th Cross Road, Medikere, Nayakera Road, Yerranapalya Extension, Rammurthy Nagar, Bangalore – 560016.

Also at : Flat No.FR-F3 (Fourth Floor), “Arhant MSR Neepa”, Site No 34, 4th Cross, J P Nagar, 7th Phase, Bangalore - 560078.

2. Mrs.R Shobha, W/o Prasanna Kumar M N, No.22, 1st Shobha, Happy Garden, Kalkere Main Road, Rammurthy Nagar, Bangalore - 560016.

I That you, **Sri Prasanna Kumar M N** (hereinafter referred to as “the Borrower”) and **Mrs Shobha R** (hereinafter referred to as “the Borrower”) have availed various loan against which there are outstanding liabilities as mentioned below. We had called upon you to clear the entire liabilities for the loans borrowed from our Branch.

You have committed default in repayment of loans as mentioned below and the loans were classified as Non Performing Assets on **30.3.2021**. The Bank through this notice brings to your attention that you have failed and neglected to repay the said dues / outstanding liabilities and hence hereby demand you under Section 13(2) of the Act, by issuing this notice to discharge in full the liabilities of the Borrower as stated in hereunder to the Bank within **60 days from the date of receipt of this notice**. The notice under Sec.13(2) of the Act sent to you by Post. Act. Due on **30.04.2021**, has returned undelivered.

Further, it is brought to your notice that you are also liable to pay future interest at the rate of **7.35% + 2.00% per annum** together with all costs, charges, expenses and incidental expenses with respect to the proceedings undertaken by the bank in recovering its dues.

Please take note of the fact that if you fail to repay to the Bank the aforesaid sum of **Rs.66,09,598.09 (Rupees Sixty Six Lakhs Nine Thousand Five Hundred and Ninety Eight And Paise Nine Only)** as on **30.04.2021** together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs as stated above in terms of this notice under Section 13(2) of the Act, The Bank will exercise all or any of the rights detailed under sub-section (4)(a) and (b) of Section 13. You are hereby restrained from dealing with any of the secured assets detailed below in terms of Section 13(13).

A/C No.	Nature of Loan	Amount	Liability as on 30.4.2021
06779730000066	Housing Loan	Rs.59,00,000.00	Rs.66,09,598.09

Details of Security Assets : Schedule 'A' Property : Item No 1 : All that piece and parcel of property bearing vacant site No 34 (Old No 217/213/21/1) situated at Puttenahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Presently coming within the limits of BBMP and bearing BBMP Khata No.217/217/123/21/34, New PID No.187-W0157-6, Ward No.187 of BBMP Bangalore, measuring East to West 40ft and North to South 60ft, in all measuring 2400 Sq Ft and bounded by : **East by : Site No.41 and 42, **West by :** Road, **North by :** Site No.33 and **South by :** Site No.36.**

ITEM NO 2 - All that piece and parcel of property bearing vacant site No 41 (old no 214/210/21/2) situated at Puttenahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, presently coming within the limits of BBMP, bearing Khata No.214/214/210/21/241, New PID No.187-W0157-5, Ward No.187 of BBMP Bangalore, measuring East to West 40 Feet and North to South 60 ft, in all measuring 2400 Sq feet and bounded by : **East by : Road, **West by :** Plot No.34 and 35, **North by :** Plot No.40 and **South by :** Plot No.33.**

I Schedule 'B' Property : 240 Square Feet of undivided Share, right, title and interest in the land comprising in Schedule A Property.

I Schedule 'C' Property : Two Bedrooms Apartment bearing No.FR-FR, I F3, Fourth Floor measuring 1400 Sq Feet of super built up area with I vitrified tiles flooring, one covered car parking place, part of multi storied residential apartment known as “**ARHANT MSR NEEPA**” constructed at Item No 1 of schedule 'A' Property along with all the rights in the common areas easements constructed in Item No 1 of Schedule A Property.

Name of title holder : **Prasanna Kumar.M.N.**

Place : Bangalore
Date : 17.6.2021

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Public are informed that presently my client, **Mrs. M. Vasanthakumari**, W/o Sri. C. Gopalan, Residing at No-508, Ganuhaman Park, R V Road, Bangalore - 560 004, is the sole and absolute owner of the Schedule Property and having acquired the same by virtue of registered Sale Deed dated 28-06-2004 vide document No-KEN-1-11605-2004-05, CD No-KEND102 of Book-I, in the office of Sub-Registrar, Kengeri, Bangalore. It is reported that, the following original documents of the schedule property have been lost or misplaced by her & she is not aware as to where and how she has lost the documents:

1) Settlement Deed dated 26.05.1962, executed by Smt. Erramma in favour of Sri. P. N. Narayan vide document No-3453/62-63, Volume: 346, Pages: 24 and 27 of Book-I, in office of Sub-Registrar, Bangalore South Taluk.

2) Rectification Deed dated 23.03.1964, executed by Smt. Erramma in favour of Sri. P. N. Narayan vide document No-6088/1963-64, Volume: 443, Pages: 77 to 78 of Book-I, dated 23-03-1964 in the office of Sub-Registrar, Bangalore South Taluk.

3) Sale Deed dated 05.01.1966, executed by Sri. P. N. Narayan in favour of M/s The Ideal Homes Co-operative Building Society Ltd vide document No.4490/1965-66, Volume: 551, Pages: 201 to 208 of Book-I, in the office of Sub-Registrar, Bangalore South Taluk.

It is further reported that, she has not deposited the said original documents for creation of equitable mortgage for availing loan to any Bank, Financial Institutions, Housing Finance Company or any other private money lender etc., in any manner, whatsoever and no charge has been created on the above mentioned lost/misplaced documents.

Any person or persons asserting any right, title, interest or claim over the aforesaid lost/misplaced documents or on the schedule property can lodge his/her/their/its objections or claims with supporting documents with the undersigned within **SEVEN DAYS (07 Days)** of the issuance of this Public Notice, after which period my client shall proceed on the basis that there are no claims of whatsoever nature with regards to the lost/misplaced document or schedule property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of converted Land bearing **Sy No.18/2**, situated at **Nayandamhalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk**, presently within the administrative jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) and assigned BBMP Khata No-4471/82, measuring 02 acres (8105 Sq mtrs.), and bounded on that:

East by : Road, **West by :** Private Property bearing **Sy No-18/1A**, **North by :** Road, **South by :** Vrushabhavathi RIVER (Tore)

H. A. Sathyajith, Advocate
No. 9, 1st Floor, 2nd Main,
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email : sathyajisuma@gmail.com
Place : Bangalore Date : 18-06-2021

Stalin: PM assured cooperation for all schemes

Key issues raised during meeting were reversal of three agricultural legislations, CAA, scrapping of NEET



Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin greets Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the PM's residence in New Delhi on Thursday

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Chennai

FOR the first time after assuming office, Chief Minister MK Stalin met with Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi on Thursday. Stalin handed over a list of 63 demands on behalf of the State to Modi, which fall under 25 different sectors. Some of the key issues raised during the meeting include reversal of the three agricultural legislations and the Citizenship Amendment Act, scrapping of NEET and the New Education Policy, early commencement of vaccine production at the Chengalpattu complex and at Co-

noor, revival of Sethusamudram project, dropping of hydrocarbon schemes, Neutrino projects and the Chennai-Salem Greenfield Expressway, and disbursement of financial resources and GST that are due to Tamil Nadu, among others.

The demands also included to allow Tamil Nadu to increase the storage level in the Mullaperiyar Dam to the full level of 152 ft, reject nod for Karnataka's Mekedatu dam project, declare Thirukkural as a national treasure, and retrieval of Katchatheevu.

"It was a pleasant and satisfactory meeting. The Prime Minister assured all coopera-

tion for developmental schemes in Tamil Nadu. He also said that I can contact him at any time regarding any demand relating to the State," Stalin told reporters at the Tamil Nadu House in the national capital. The meeting between the leaders lasted for around 25 minutes.

Mentioning a few of the key demands raised, Stalin said, "Some of these are to be fulfilled by the Centre whereas some other projects are to be implemented by the State government. A few more projects have to be implemented jointly by the Centre and the State. This Delhi visit has given me the hope that all these could be realised."

ADAPTING TO SITUATION

4 varsities get UGC nod to offer online courses

RAMACHANDRA V GUNARI
@ Shivamogga

THE University Grants Commission (UGC) has permitted four universities in Karnataka to offer online graduation and post graduation courses from 2020-21 academic year. Kuvempu University and University of Mysore will offer 12 various courses while Jain and Yenepoya varsities (deemed to be) can offer nine and one courses, respectively.

The UGC in a letter issued on June 11, 2021, permitted four universities in the state to offer full-fledged online courses without prior approval of the UGC, as per provisions stipulated under regulation 3(B)(a) of the UGC (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online programmes) Regulations 2020 in Supersession to this office letter dated on March 2021.

Vice-chancellor BP Veerabhadrapalli said the impact of Covid-19 forced academicians to think out of the box and to come out with new possibilities in the field of education. "Currently, education is turning into a mode of 'online education'.

Now, the UGC has permitted us to offer online courses to the doorstep of those longing for higher education. Kuvempu University is one among the 38 universities in the country to commence online education and it is a proud moment for us," he said.

It was a setback for the Kuvempu University earlier when the amendment permitted only KSOU to offer distance courses in the state. Now, the UGC has permitted the university to offer courses through open and distance learning and online modes, said S S Patil, registrar of the university.

Set up defence tech hubs in state: Shettar to Singh

ENS @Bengaluru

THE state government is urging Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh to announce defence technology hubs in Karnataka so that it further enhances the production of aerospace and defence manufacturing units in the state.

Industry Minister Jagadish Shettar wrote a letter to Singh saying that the Union government is establishing two defence corridors—one in Uttar Pradesh and one in Tamil Nadu—hence, encouraging aerospace and defence manufacturing units in Karnataka, will help the state further. More than 25 per cent of India's aircraft and spacecraft industry is based in Karnataka. Nearly 67 per cent of all aircraft and helicopter manufacturing for defence services is done in the state and over 65 per cent of the country's aerospace related exports are from Karnataka.

More than 2,000 medium and small scale industries are capable of carrying out sub contracting work. Also, Bengaluru is the only Indian city to feature in top 10 global aerospace cities of the future by FDI intelligence. Shettar said the state is suited for the establishment of defence technology hubs, given its research & development and IT culture and presence of leading PSUs, including HAL, BEL and laboratories like DRDO.

Flood mgmt: BSY to meet Maha minister Heavy rain batters K'taka districts

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Belagavi

TO effectively coordinate and tackle the possible floods in Krishna and Bheema river basins in the State, Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa will be holding a meeting with Maharashtra Water Resources Minister on June 19 at his home office Krishna in Bengaluru.

As a prelude to this, a team of senior officials from Maharashtra Water Resources Department and Additional Chief Secretary of Water Resources Department, Karnataka, will be holding a preparatory meeting on Friday at 5 pm at Room 317, Vikas Soudha, Bengaluru.

According to sources, the CM decided to hold the meeting in the wake of disastrous floods on the banks of rivers in the state that has caused massive damages in the past.

On several occasions, a large number of people had to be evacuated from the flooded areas across Krishna and Bheema river belts due to floods. In Belagavi region, floods have often wrecked havoc on the villages in Krishna river bank, resulting in the submergence of many villages. Due to lack of coordination between officials of both the states, the release of water from Koyana has always resulted in floods across Krishna belt.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Belagavi/Shivamogga /Hassan/ Udupi

INCESSANT rain that has been lashing some districts in the state over the last few days, has caused damage to several roads and bridges.

The rivers and streams in Belagavi district and neighbouring Maharashtra are in spate for the last four days in the ghat sections. Following this, four bridges in Chikkodi sub-division were submerged in water.

There is a sudden surge in water level at Krishna, Vedaganga, Doodhganga and Hiranyakeshi rivers. The Jatrat-Bhivashi bridge, the Akol-Sidnal bridge on Vedaganga river in Nippani taluk, the connecting bridge of Karadaga-Bhoj villages, and Sankeshwar-Nagpur village, a connecting bridge on Hiranyakeshi river in Hukkeri taluk, have submerged.

Meanwhile, there is no let-up in the rain in Hosanagar and Tirthahalli taluks of Shivamogga district leading to an increase in the water level at Linganamakki and Bhadra reservoirs.

Heavy rain in the catchment areas of the Tunga reservoir resulted in an increase in water flow from Thursday morning. The inflow, which was around 20,000 cusecs in the morning, increased and, around 11 am, it



Tunga Mantapa almost submerged in Tunga river
SHIVAMOGGA NANDAN (Right) Lakshmana Theertha River near Nitturu in South Kodagu is full to its brim due to heavy rain

crossed 25,000 cusecs. At 1 pm, the water inflow at Tunga reservoir was 33,700 cusecs.

In Udupi, after two weeks of cloudy sky and downpour, bright sunshine greeted people on Thursday afternoon. However, it did not last for more than an hour as the region witnessed heavy rain again. Interior places in Kundapur received heavy downpour in the evening. Heavy rain continued to lash most places of Udupi in the evening. Fish-

ermen were alerted by weatherman not to venture into the sea for three days (June 17 to June 19) as strong winds of 40 to 50 kmph are likely to hit the coast.

Meanwhile, continuous rain that lashed Hassan for 36 hours, disrupted normal life in the district on Wednesday.

Those living in low-lying areas in Siddaiah Nagar and Beeranahalli Extensions in the city were put to hardship as rain water entered their houses.

Rahul, Priyanka join Belagavi political game

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Belagavi

PRIYANKA and Rahul are set to join the hurly-burly of Karnataka politics. Not the Gandhis, mind you, and not as leaders but as grassroots Congress workers. These siblings are also from a politically influential family.

KPCC working president Satish Jarkiholi's children Rahul and Priyanka were on Thursday introduced to Congress workers in the Belagavi Congress office. Priyanka (24), an MBA graduate, is working on several social service initiatives for the past two years with her father, while Rahul (22) is doing BE final year (aeronautical engineering). They will try to study the problems faced by people at the grassroots across the state.

While Jarkiholi said they would be involved in strengthening the party, it appears to be a tactical move to launch



Rahul and Priyanka Jarkiholi

the next-gen into the family business, especially with elections in another two years. The Jarkiholi family already has three heavyweight MLAs—two in the BJP and one in the Congress.

Giving advice to his kids, besides other youth leaders of the party who aspire to become future MLAs, Satish said, "Before dreaming big in politics, young leaders must involve themselves in social service and travel widely to understand the people's problems. Young politicians should struggle to respond to the problems of the poor; down-

trodden and weaker sections of society. They should be recognised by their work before they enter big-time politics."

In an attempt to brush off the dynast tag that is bound to stick to his children, Jarkiholi assured the people that the siblings would work hard and shoulder responsibilities sincerely in the larger interest of society. Rahul, who has been travelling with his father for several political and social activities for the past two years, said he is trying to understand politics, and is keen to promote rural talent.

He is working on several projects to help talented youngsters from rural areas in sports and cultural activities. Priyanka, who holds up her father as her role model, recalls his many services as politician and leader for 30 years. Expressing her desire to work for people's welfare in Belagavi region, Priyanka said she is yet to learn a lot.

Tension in TN dist after caste Hindus hack Dalit youth

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TENSION prevailed in parts of the Tirunelveli district as the caste Hindus of Munneerpallam village hacked a Dalit youth and two Sri Lankan refugees here on Wednesday. The Munneerpallam police registered a case against the caste Hindus - Sankaralingam, Arunpandian, Arumang, 'Vathu' Mani and two unidentified persons for allegedly hacking a Dalit youth Bala Muruges (19) of Marutham Nagar due to previous enmity.

Following the incident, some people of Marutham Nagar went to the street of the alleged perpetrators in Munneerpallam and damaged a house, auto-rickshaw and two-wheeler. The police registered a case against them for rioting.

Condemning the people of Marutham Nagar, the Munneerpallam villagers staged a road blockade in Ambasamudram - Tirunelveli highway. They dispersed from the spot after police officials conducted a peace talk.

FKCCI urges govt to announce special package

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TRADE and business community in the state incurred a loss of Rs 75,000 crore during the lockdown period and the loss of revenue by tax to the state is around Rs 10,000 crore per month, says the Federation of Karnataka Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FKCCI). Around 30 lakh people lost jobs and it would take nearly two years for the industries to recover from the impact, FKCCI chairman Perikal M Sundar said on Thursday.

The trade body urged the government to announce a special economic package of Rs 20,000 crore that includes 50 per cent



concession on property taxes, reimbursement of salaries and wages for three months and interest subvention of loans availed from banks and KSFC for six months. "The government has received revenue in the form of GST of

around Rs 84,000 crore, Rs 22,851 crore from the state excise, Rs 16,000 crore from petrol and diesel, and Rs 1,20,000 crore from income tax approximately. Given the difficulty faced by trade and industry, the government should consider allocating at least 10 per cent of the revenue which has been generated by the trade and industry," he said.

FKCCI objected to the power tariff hike and urged the government to reduce power tax from nine per cent to three per cent so that power cost per unit will come down to around 42 paise which will mitigate the negative effect of the power tariff hike allowed by KERC.

On fuel price hike, the chair-

man said currently the Central government is levying 30 per cent on excise duty and state government is levying 35 per cent as tax on the basic price of petrol and diesel. The Central and state governments should reduce the excise duty and tax to about 15% on petrol and diesel, he said.

He urged the state government to procure all its requirements from MSMEs located in Karnataka by giving price preference. FKCCI also urged the government to start operating buses to enable the staff and employees to travel to the industries as only around 20 per cent of employees are to reach their workplace in the absence of public transport.

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Body Shape : Lean
Wearing Dress : Blue Banian & Gray Pant.
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THE STRUGGLE OF BEING THE BJP IN KERALA

The Kerala BJP's cup of woes is brimming. If the Assembly poll outcome was a disaster, what followed compounded its miseries manifold. The state unit boss K Surendran is now accused of buying an ally and paying an opponent to pull out of the election, the party is battling allegations of smuggling in black money to finance electioneering and, more embarrassingly, the ever-squabbling leadership is suspected of embezzling even poll funds. Beaten, humiliated and facing a crisis of credibility, the party's frustration at its misdeeds is all too visible. Senior leader A N Radhakrishnan's open threat against CM Pinarayi Vijayan is an example. Radhakrishnan said if the CM doesn't stop the "witch-hunt", he may not be able to sleep peacefully at home for long and a situation may come where he will have to visit his children in prison. The party also organised statewide protests against what it considers a CPM-driven conspiracy to defame its leaders. It's clear the BJP wants to go on the offensive, but mere public posturing and issuing empty threats when cornered only emphasise what's wrong with the party and expose the political acumen of those in charge.

It will be a folly to simply brush under the carpet the factors responsible for the BJP's underwhelming electoral show and the mess in the state unit. The crippling combo of factionalism and casteism, a serious lack of commitment among sections of the rank and file, a support base that seems to have reached saturation point and the limited appeal among non-Hindu voters who constitute nearly half the electorate are reasons why the party is staring at stagnation (or even decline) after a phase of steady growth in Kerala. This may stretch long if it refuses to come to terms with ground realities and make a course correction. Admitting to mistakes, understanding weaknesses and preparing for an overhaul would be a good start. The leadership must be held accountable for its failures. Criminal actions, if any, must be dealt with appropriately. It must make earnest efforts to expand its voter base and broaden appeal among all sections, cutting across religious, caste and social barriers, if it wants to do any better in the next electoral fight.

AP TAX REFORM LONG OVERDUE

Opposition parties are up in arms in Andhra Pradesh over the state government's decision to change the way property tax is levied in urban local bodies, from the existing system based on the annual rental value to the new capital value system. Without going into specifics, suffice it to say that under the new dispensation, property owners will have to shell out a maximum of 15% more than what they had been paying thus far.

The Government Order was issued in November last and the new tax regime was to come into effect from this financial year. However, the government has kept it in abeyance in view of the Covid pandemic and made it clear that it is willing to give the people more time. A maximum of 15% doesn't appear much at first glance. But the tax will keep increasing year after year by not more than 15% until it reaches the same as the rate calculated on capital value. The government argues that the conversion is long-pending, far more transparent, simple and less arbitrary, besides not imposing an unreasonable burden during these tough times. It has a point. When was the last time property tax was tinkered with? Believe it or not, way back in 2002 for residential buildings and 2011 for commercial ones. There can be no doubt whatsoever that it is high time property tax is revised. There is also the need to augment resources for urban local bodies and the revised system will bring in, as per Municipal Administration Minister Botcha Satyanarayana, an additional ₹186 crore. It is also pertinent to note that the Centre has stipulated certain conditions requiring reforms in property tax structure.

Against this backdrop, it is not constructive on the part of the opposition to cry foul and claim that a bombshell has been dropped on the people. Yes, the timing is definitely poor. The government could wait a little longer, which it is willing to, and should reach out to the people to explain and clarify that no unreasonable burden is being placed on them, especially on vulnerable sections for whom the property tax is just ₹50 per annum.

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We 'preserve' folk songs, at the same time that our way of life destroys the singer... We are proud of our museums, where we display the damning evidence of a way of life that we have made impossible

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Policy measures like the PLI Scheme can go a long way in improving supply side constraints, but these may not be enough if the demand continues to remain sluggish

WHAT DO THE GDP NUMBERS MEAN FOR OUR ECONOMY?

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In the midst of the raging second wave of Covid infections came the rather unwelcome news from the National Statistics Office (NSO) that the pandemic had caused the Indian economy to decline by 7.3% in FY21, the lowest ever registered since Independence. The only redeeming aspect of this economic performance was that until a few months ago, the contraction was expected to be closer to 8%. It was the better-than-expected performance of the economy in Q4, of 1.6%, that helped in improving our performance in the previous fiscal. How do we read the numbers presented by the NSO, and what do these mean for the Indian economy going forward?

At the outset, it would be useful to consider the areas in which the Indian economy performed relatively better in Q4. In three sectors, Q4 numbers were significantly better than those recorded in the previous quarters. The manufacturing sector grew by almost 7% over the corresponding period in 2019-20, while electricity, gas, water supply and other utility services recorded

a 9% growth. Construction was the best performing sector, having expanded by 14%. But while these sectors recorded their highest quarterly growth rates in Q4, agriculture, the only sector to have kept itself away from the gloom, expanded by just 3.1%, the slowest growth across quarters during the financial year just gone by.

Some words of caution need to be added while interpreting the sectoral growth numbers, especially for the three "better" performing sectors mentioned above. All these sectors had performed poorly in Q4 of 2019-20, and therefore the so-called "base effect" had influenced the NSO's latest set of numbers. This was particularly true for manufacturing, which had contracted by over 4% in the closing quarter of the previous financial year due to a steep fall in output of close to 23% in March 2020. The contraction was partly due to the impact of the lockdown announced in the last week of the month, but it was also due to the structural infirmities besetting India's manufacturing that had

caused this sector to contract in three quarters during 2019-20. It was in response to the falling fortunes of the manufacturing industries that the government had decided to take an important step for their revival through the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme. With regards to agriculture, while there is no assessment on whether the ongoing farmers' agitation has had any impact on the growth performance of the sector, it may be difficult to argue that this development has left India's farms untouched.

Appropriate policy measures



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Like the PLI Scheme can go a long way in improving the supply side constraints, but these may turn out to be less than adequate if the demand side continues to remain sluggish. The Indian economy is consumption-led, with private final consumption expenditure (PFCE) enjoying a share of 57-58% of the GDP in recent decades. However, since 2017-18, the annual growth of PFCE had declined from 7% to 5.5%, and with consumers demanding less, most sectors faced uncertainties even before the pandemic-induced crisis had set in. The across-the-board impact of the Covid crisis on livelihoods had seriously impacted PFCE during the previous fiscal, resulting in its decline by 9.1% and reducing its share in the GDP to 56%, the lowest ever.

Is the demand side likely to bounce back anytime soon? Not likely, if the job market numbers provided by the CMIE and the Consumer Confidence Survey of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) are considered. According to the CMIE, the unemployment rate was 14.7%

in the third week of May and it was the first time since the lockdown in 2020 that it was in double digits. More worrying was that labour force participation had virtually stagnated at 40%, indicating the deep catharsis in the labour market. Moreover, the RBI's bi-monthly Consumer Confidence Survey has been reporting that consumer sentiments have consistently remained downbeat. In the latest survey for May 2021, a majority reported that their expectation was that the economy will worsen one year ahead, while nearly half felt that the employment situation will worsen.

With domestic demand unlikely to recover soon, can exports provide the growth trigger for the Indian economy? This is distinctly possible as most of the major economies are well on their way towards recovery. But then, the government and business must work on ways to facilitate exports, including through improving the efficiencies of Indian industry, thus enabling it to increase its footprint in global markets.

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NO ONE STOLE OUR COUNTRY'S GODS

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Subhash Kapoor was arrested in October 2011 in Germany over idol smuggling charges and he is still an undertrial in India in June 2021. This is despite a mountain of evidence unearthed and revealed by US Homeland Security seizures and criminal prosecutions under Operation Hidden Idol in New York by the Manhattan district attorney's office. The operation had also revealed a complex web of middlemen, including receivers in Hong Kong, collaborators and suppliers across India, and restorers in London and America; it also yielded over 2,622 artefacts and a further 38 from various other returns.

During Prime Minister Narendra Modi's official visit to the US in June 2016, America said it would return a historic 200 sculptures (Independent India had restituted only 19 artefacts till 2012). But after five years, only 17 have come home. The rest are stuck in red tape as a senior team from the ASI comprising two experts on an inspection to New York in early 2019 could certify only 'close to a 100' and even those have not been restituted. Meanwhile, countries like Afghanistan, Pakistan, Nepal and Sri Lanka have already accepted close to 50 artefacts linked to Kapoor, with the Afghans topping with 33 restitutions—a big thank you to the Manhattan DA's office for these.

Even a casual glance shows the pan-India nature of this looting empire but why is that the only state that is prosecuting Kapoor is Tamil Nadu—that too with only seven cases? Some of these are clearly open-and-shut cases, which makes it more baffling as to why

states are reluctant to charge an art dealer already arrested over running an international smuggling racket and worse, even come forward to claim their artefacts.

Take Madhya Pradesh for instance. The Goddess Mahakoka of Barhut was worshipped as a family deity. The owners in the 1970s registered it with the ASI. On the night of 18 July 2004, robbers broke in and stole her and an FIR was registered the next day. She was broken into three parts to aid smuggling and eventually put together by the now-charged restorer Richard Salmon in Brooklyn on 2 May 2006. Kapoor was listing her for sale for \$15 million or about ₹100 crore! She was seized in 2012 and has since remained in the US. No attempt has been made by the MP police to link the FIR to Kapoor yet.

Or Andhra Pradesh. In October 2000, robbers hit the 2,000-year-old Buddhist site of Chandavaram, an ASI site museum at that! Shockingly this organised gang robbed the museum not once but thrice, on 23 February 2001 and again on 23 March 2001 after the October 2000 heist. They apparently came in tractors, tied up security guards, policemen and looted the site in broad daylight. Till date there is no clarity on what were stolen but what is shocking is until a German scholar pointed out that a Kapoor-linked object from Chandavaram was with the National Gallery of Australia (marked as stolen by investigative journalist Jason Felch in 2012) in 2017, this was not picked up by the ASI. More shockingly, it was only after the physical restitution that the ASI museum accepted that it was stolen from there. There

was no initiative apart from filing the mandatory FIR. On 15 August 2019, an anonymous British collector voluntarily surrendered a limestone pilaster from the same site to the Indian High Commission in London; another matched from the same theft has been sold by Wiener Galleries via a Christie's auction in March 2012 and it remains untraced after that. Similar objects sold via Kapoor's Art of the Past are still on display in the Louvre Abu Dhabi and Asian Civilisations Museum, Singapore. Despite the physical return of the Chandavaram Worshippers of the Buddha frieze in January 2017 that had a sales invoice of \$595,000 and fake provenances created by Kapoor, the Andhra police do not even deem it fit to charge him over the case.

We could give such examples for many more states.

What could explain the lack of intent from the custodians? We analysed 10 cases in Indian courts where law enforcement failed to prosecute heritage crimes, in an attempt to assess the main reasons and see if any lessons can be learnt from the experiences. They range from procedural lapses, sheer incompetence, red tape, loopholes in the law and institutional decay.

In this article, we look at a clas-



A limestone relief with the Dharmachakra stolen from Chandavaram in Andhra Pradesh. The sculpture was sold by Wiener Galleries via a Christie's auction in 2012 and remains untraced after that

sic case from Tamil Nadu—heard in front of the Madurai Bench of the Madras HC in June 2014—of a theft that happened on 17 December 1990 at the Viswanathaswamy temple in Anaikudi, Kumbakonam wherein many idols were stolen. A series of arrests made in 1991 of the eight members of the gang revealed the gruesome nature of this theft: The Murugan idol was found in two pieces, head portion and body; Valli was broken into three parts, and buried in the bank of a dry rivulet; the Deivayanai idol was recovered buried under a tamarind tree; Chandrasekara Siva found in five parts; Sivakami in three parts buried underground; another Amman idol hidden inside a granary in a house; Sokkar and Sivakami found hidden in a river bed.

It is pertinent to note that in this case, the theft is connected to the mistaken belief that there is high gold content in panchaloha idols. The robbers wilfully cut the bronzes and used acids to test for gold; scientific tests have shown that the actual precious metal content is a minuscule percentage.

What is actually shocking is not any of the above but the fact that despite all this, the accused were acquitted in 2002. Despite the mountain of evidence, why were they acquitted by the trial court?

1. The stray statement that there was no property register in the temple by P.W.3 (prosecution witness) had been one of the grounds for the trial court to acquit the accused. The register was subsequently traced in 2014 but why it was not found earlier was never probed.

2. The police failed to secure the broken locks of the temple on the day of the theft and the fingerprint expert could not match any prints.

3. Tamil Nadu amended Section 380 of the IPC in 1993, which deals with theft in houses and robbery, and reduced the sentence for tem-

ple robbery by half. This amendment still stays, which means that if someone steals from a house or temple in the rest of India, he will get seven years in jail, but for stealing from a place of worship in Tamil Nadu, he gets a maximum of three years and a fine of ₹2,000. Further, since the theft occurred in 1990, the court held that the police used the wrong section to book the thieves and they were acquitted.

4. The case of theft was for only seven missing idols but the seizures were of nine idols.

5. The photographs submitted to the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department were not signed by any HR&CE official and just wrapped in a cover with the temple name written on it and the names of each idol underneath the pictures.

It took over a decade for the injustice to be reversed when the case came to a more focused court in 2014. But after all this trouble, what did the idol thieves get in the 2014 trial? Of the eight accused, four of them received three years rigorous imprisonment and the rest two years.

The inferences are pretty clear in this case: temples need to maintain a property register; HR&CE has to maintain an image archive that can stand scrutiny in court; the 1993 TN special amendment to the IPC has to be removed; officers should be trained to secure theft premises; and the judiciary should be more stringent in punishing heritage crimes and criminals.

Finally, for the HR&CE, just having an archive is not a solution. Rather periodic audits and inventory checks of the same need to be undertaken. But this is easier said than done as we will see from other cases in subsequent columns.

(The India Pride Project's #BringOurGodsHome initiative has helped bring many stolen idols back to our country) (vj.episteme@gmail.com)

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Vaccination complete

The news that Renganar, a remote village in Chhattisgarh, achieved 100% vaccination of its eligible population despite having a 30% literacy rate is heartening. Kudos to the health workers and awareness teams who successfully made the village population understand the need for vaccination. SVN Vijayendra, Hyderabad

Violating Covid protocol

It is surprising that Congress leaders in Kerala, who abstained from the oath-

taking ceremony of the LDF last month citing Covid protocol violation, have organised a big function to mark the taking over of the new KPCC president. They have themselves violated Covid protocol. The GOP could have acted as a role model and avoided this. Jayachandran Thoovat, Wayanad

Set an example for people

The mass gathering of UDF supporters to celebrate the taking over of the new KPCC president has callously violated Covid rules. The common man is taken

to task for the slightest violation. Politicians should set an example for the people, especially at a time when the virus is still on a rampage. Sanath Kumar TS, Thrissur

Appreciate govt's restraint

The government's claims about deliberate defiance by Twitter points to an adamant transgression by the micro-blogging site. By giving it repeated warnings, the government has shown maximum restraint. Twitter should appreciate this and comply with the

nation's rules immediately. Hemanth Bhide, Mangaluru

Island chasm widening

Despite many assurances, the Union home ministry seems to be in no mood to mitigate the genuine grievances of the people of Lakshadweep. Meanwhile, the chasm in the relationship between the citizen and the administrators is widening to a point of no return. The Centre's wait-and-watch game could lead to irreparable consequences. A Raveendranath, Aranmula

Deter China's debt trap

This is with reference to *Is Blue Dot network an alternative to China's BRI?* (Jun 17). The proposed Blue Dot Network under the auspices of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development is required to maintain a geopolitical balance in the Indo-Pacific in matters of development, growth and coexistence. This initiative will also deter the Chinese from indulging in debt trap tactics among its allies. KBalakrishnan, Madurai

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Study indicates children unlikely to be hit harder in Covid third wave

In research featuring 4.5K samples, antibody percentage not very different in kids & adults

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AMID concerns that a future Covid-19 wave may disproportionately hit children, a multi-centric community based serosurvey led by AIIMS, New Delhi, has shown that infection rates among children and adults in five cities in different parts of the country, in rural and urban areas, were similar.

Citing the findings, researchers from AIIMS in Bhubaneswar and Gorakhpur apart from Delhi, JIPMER, Puducherry, Translational Health Science and Technology Institute, Faridabad, Agartala Government Medical College and WHO ruled out that surges ahead are more likely to hit children harder.

For the study, blood samples were collected from 4,509 individuals, 700 aged between 2-17 and 3,809 aged 18-plus from March 15-June 10 to check for antibodies against SARS-CoV-2, confirming a history of exposure to the virus.

Of samples tested from Delhi, Faridabad, Bhubaneswar,



Activities involving children have resumed, like at this makeshift school in Jammu

Agartala and Gorakhpur, 55.7% kids and adolescents had antibodies against the virus. In adults, this was 63.5%. "Unlike any future third wave by the prevailing Covid-19 variant would disproportionately affect children two years or older," the report said.

A senior faculty at AIIMS Delhi associated with the project said the results confirm

that "the narrative being propagated that kids may be more susceptible during the future waves may be unfounded and without any scientific basis".

A further analysis of the data generated in the study showed that irrespective of age groups, rural sites had lower sero-positivity compared to urban sites. In rural sites, children had slightly lower sero-positivity

compared to adults. However, this differential prevalence was not observed in urban sites. It was also seen that the prevalence in children was slightly more among female participants compared to male (58.6% versus 53%) but there was no statistically significant difference in sero-positivity between male and female.

Researchers found that children between 2-4 and 5-9 had almost identical sero-positivity rate (42.4% and 43.8%), lower than the rate observed for those aged 10-17 (60.3%).

The higher seropositivity in children aged 10-17 years may be reflective of their higher mobility and independence compared to the younger children, the study noted, adding that as reported in the literature, a large proportion of children (50.9%) had asymptomatic Covid-19 infection.

Seropositivity rate among children was high and comparable to the adult population, said the study, stressing it is unlikely that a third wave would hit children hard.

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Vijayan and many world leaders at global meet on vax internationalism

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A four-day summit by Progressive International for Covid-19 vaccine internationalism begins on Friday. It aims at ending "the pandemic as quickly as possible by securing vaccines for all".

The summit will bring together Global South governments, politicians, healthcare workers and vaccine manufacturers from over 20 countries, following criticism of the G7's plan by the United Nations aid chief Mark Lowcock as "not serious" and lacking "necessary urgency".

From India, Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan with former health minister of the state, KK Shailaja, representatives of ASHA workers and vaccine maker Virchow Laboratories, which has a presence in over 100 countries, are participating in the summit.

Vijayan is expected to tell the summit that public manufacturing capacity in the state, which has been hailed for its

handling of the pandemic, stands ready to produce vaccines if it receives necessary transfers of technology.

With only 6.2% of the world population fully vaccinated — and at the current rate, low-income countries waiting 57 years to be fully vaccinated — the summit's participants have pledged to seek speeding up of production, distribution, and delivery of vaccines.

Participants are also likely to consider concrete proposals to pool technology, invoke patent waivers and invest in rapid production.

Representatives from the governments of Argentina, Bolivia, Mexico, Cuba, Venezuela and the Kenyan county of Kisumu are set to be joined by four vaccine manufacturers. These include Fiocruz, the Brazilian manufacturer leading the nation's vaccination drive, Virchow Laboratories, Biolyse, a Canadian firm seeking voluntary or compulsory licensing agreements, and BioFarmaCuba, Cuba's state manufacturer.

Senior political leaders from

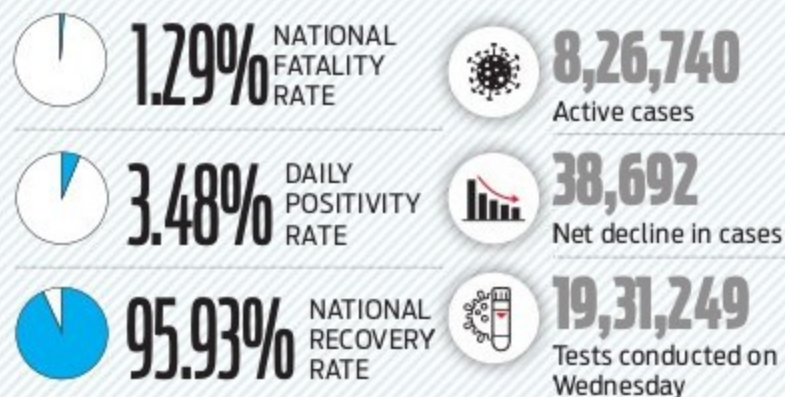
around the world, including former leader of the UK Labour Party Jeremy Corbyn, former Greek Finance Minister Yanis Varoufakis, leader of the Colombian opposition Gustavo Petro and representatives from healthcare unions from the US, Brazil and India will take part in the meet.

The governments meeting at the summit will discuss a number of proposals which will include platform for sharing ongoing progress with candidates, trial protocols and data — setting the stage for real transparency and allowing local manufacturers to produce the critical doses.

Sharing manufacturing capacity and investing in public industry, equipping factories to produce the vaccines required for domestic and Global South needs are on the discussion agenda.

Summit coordinator and Progressive International cabinet member Varsha Gandikota-Nellutla said before the opening of the meet: "We have the capacity to end this pandemic, producing and distributing vaccines for all."

COVID TRACKER



COVID-19 VACCINE DOSES: AGE-WISE DISTRIBUTION



HELPLINE NUMBERS

1075: National helpline | 1098: Child helpline | 14567: Senior citizens helpline | 08046110007: Helpline of NIMHANS for psychological support

Marks moderation to erase school-level variations

SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA @NewDelhi

THE CBSE, while allowing schools to evaluate Class XII students on the basis of Class XI results and internal assessments apart from Class X results, has made it clear that to remove school-level variations, marks have to be internally moderated.

India's biggest education board has also said that marks assigned for every subject for the batch on an average has to be consistent with Class XII board results during the last three years. In its 30-page affidavit submitted in Supreme Court on Thursday, CBSE said that as marks of Class XI and Class XII component will be awarded at school level, they will strictly not be comparable across schools due to the variations in the quality of question papers, standard and the mode of conduct of exams.

To ensure standardisation, each school has been asked to internally moderate the marks to account for the school-level variations by using a reliable reference standard. While schools will calculate the total theory marks for each student by adding the marks for Class X, XI and XII as per weightage of each class but based on the total marks, moderation has to be made by schools in XI and XII.

"Scaling up or down of XI and XII marks may have to be done in a fair and transparent manner by the result committee," said the CBSE.



tee," said the CBSE. Since Class X marks are already standardised, no scaling is to be done by the schools.

Historical performance of the school, in terms of the best overall performance in board exams in the last three years, will be taken as the reference for moderating marks assessed by the school for 2020-2021.

For example, if in a school, overall average of students in 2017-18 is 72%, in 2018-19 74% and in 2019-20 71%, the school will use the subject-wise averages of 2018-19 for moderation, which are the highest for moderation, the board clarified.

The selected year will be the reference year for the school and for each subject, it will have to follow a broad distribution of marks based on performance in the specific year by that school in that subject.

Subject-wise marks assessed

by the school for 2020-2021 should be within a range of + or - 5 marks obtained by the students in the school in the subject in the reference year.

However, overall average marks for the school assessed in 2020-2021, for all subjects, should not exceed the overall average marks obtained by the school by 2 marks in the reference year, the board said.

This clause has drawn mixed reactions. "CBSE has kept the whip with itself so that schools do not use the opportunity to award inflated marks to their students to raise their profile. It's a good thing. Schools must comply with this," said Pallavi Sharma, principal of Mamta Modern School in Delhi.

Principal of another school, who didn't wish to be named, said as every batch is different, such restrictions may go against the interest of students.

Flexibility in Class XII internal exam weightage

KANU SARDA @NewDelhi

THE CBSE on Thursday gave flexibility to each school's committee to decide the weightage of the Class XII internal exams for computing the final result of each student.

"The committee of the school may decide the weightage to be given to each exam based on the credibility and reliability of the assessment," the board's affidavit said. It added if a school's committee thinks only pre-board exams may be taken into consideration, full weightage can be given to that component. If another school result committee thinks equal weightage can be given to pre-board and mid-term exams, they can do so.

The bench of Justices A M Khanwilkar and Dinesh Maheshwari said there was no question of rolling back the decision to not hold Class XII exams this year. "We have accepted the CBSE's decision not to have the mandatory exams. There is no question of reviewing that order," the bench told senior advocate Vikas Singh, who on behalf of a parents'

body, urged the court to permit holding of written examinations.

The court said it would take up the matter again on Monday to consider additional suggestions and it would hear petitions seeking cancellation of state board examinations for Class XII in Punjab, Assam, Tripura and Andhra Pradesh. Eighteen states have cancelled Class XII examinations and six have conducted them.

Computation of Class XI theory marks shall be on the basis of year-end final theory exam in respective subjects. Computation of Class X theory marks shall be based on average theory marks obtained by the student in the best three performing subjects out of the main five. This average will be uniformly awarded to all XII subjects based on theory weightage.

In case of students not able to meet the qualifying criteria, they will be placed in Essential Repeat or Compartment category. Students not satisfied with the result calculated based on the policy will be given an opportunity to appear in exams to be held later.

Centre wants common PUC format across India

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @NewDelhi

THE Centre has issued a notification for a common format of the pollution under control certificate (PUC) to be issued across the country, under Central Motor Vehicle Rules 1989.

The PUC database will be linked with the national register. Also, the Centre has introduced the concept of rejection slip. A common format of rejection slip will be given to vehicle owners in case the test result value is more than the maximum permissible value, as mandated in emission norms.

The document can be shown at the service centre for getting the vehicle serviced, or can be used in case the PUC centre device is not working properly, at another centre. Confidentiality of information in terms of vehicle owner's mobile number,

name and address, engine number and chassis number with the last four digits to be visible, and the other digits being masked will be maintained. Owner's mobile number will be mandatory on which alerts will be sent for validation and fee.

If enforcement officers have reason to believe that a vehicle is not complying with emission standards, they may communicate in writing or through electronic mode to direct the driver or any person in-charge of the vehicle to submit the vehicle for a test in an authorised station. If the driver or person in-charge refuses or the vehicle fails to comply, vehicle owner shall be liable for penalty.

If owners fails to comply, authorities will for reasons to be recorded in writing suspend registration certificates until a PUC certificate is generated.



TRAFFIC STOPPER

Commuters wade through a waterlogged road after heavy rainfall in Kolkata | PTI

MEA says Bill passed by Pakistan has shortcomings, urges review

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @NewDelhi

INDIA on Thursday slammed Pakistan for passing the International Court of Justice (Review & Reconsideration) Bill, 2020, with 'shortcomings' and urged Islamabad to address them. The Bill was passed by Pakistan's National Assembly last week and provides right to appeal to Indian death-row

convict Kulbhushan Jadhav. "The bill has a provision for inviting the municipal court to decide whether any prejudice has been caused to Jadhav on account of the failure to provide consular access in accordance with a verdict of the International Court of Justice (ICJ). We call upon Pakistan to take

steps to address the shortcomings in the Bill," Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said. He added a municipal court cannot be the arbiter of whether the state has fulfilled its obligation under international law. Bagchi said the Bill further invites the municipal court to

sit in appeal, as it were, over the judgement of the ICJ.

Jadhav, a retired Navy officer, was arrested and sentenced to death by a Pakistani court on charges of espionage and terrorism. India approached ICJ for denial of consular access to Jadhav. The ICJ ruled in favour of India and directed Pakistan to make provisions for review of the sentence.

Afghanistan issue part of India-Qatar talks

India on Thursday confirmed that the Afghanistan issue was discussed between External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and top Qatari leadership during his two visits to the Gulf nation. The Ministry of External Affairs said the leaders exchanged views on the Afghanistan situation.

EXPRESS READ

Gandhis on course with vaccines, Cong tells BJP

New Delhi: After some BJP leaders questioned the Gandhis over vaccination, Congress said party chief Sonia Gandhi has been fully vaccinated while Rahul will take the jab post Covid recovery. Asking the Centre to focus on vaccinating entire population rather than making non-issues, the party said the Modi government is responsible for mismanagement of COVID-19 and poor vaccine strategy. Priyanka Gandhi Vadra has taken the first shot and will take the second. BJP had accused Congress of creating vaccine hesitancy in the country.

	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	37	27	Mumbai	31	25
Bhopal	35	22	Panaji	31	24
Jaipur	38	27	Patna	35	25
Amritsar	37	25	Lucknow	33	26
Chennai	38	29	Port Blair	32	26
Kolkata	28	25	Imphal	30	22
Srinagar	28	14	Chandigarh	35	25

FROM ARUNACHAL, RAJNATH WARNS CHINA

Defence minister asserts India is a peace-loving country but it knows how to give befitting response to aggressors



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh is briefed by an Army officer during the inauguration of Kimin-Potin Road in Assam's Lakhimpur district | PTI

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @Guwahati

DEFENCE Minister Rajnath Singh sent out a firm warning to China right from the front-line as he visited Arunachal Pradesh on Thursday, saying India would not tolerate any aggression against her.

"As far as India is concerned, there is no second opinion. We are a worshipper of peace and we never resorted to aggression against any country, whether a neighbour or otherwise. But if someone resorts to aggression against us, we know how to give a befitting reply," Singh told a gathering at Kimin after dedicating 12 roads, built by the Border Roads Organisa-

tion (BRO), to the nation.

This was his maiden visit to the frontier state since the clashes between Indian and PLA troops in eastern Ladakh last year. In November 2019, China had objected to his visit to Arunachal.

"We want to maintain peace with everyone. Our intention has never been to show any aggression against any country," Singh reiterated.

Underlining the strategic importance of the Northeast for India from a military point of view, Singh said the region has a unique geography as it is bound by five countries. He took the names of Bangladesh, Bhutan, Myanmar and Nepal

but did not mention China.

Talking about the challenges in the Northeast, Singh cited the problem of border smuggling, particularly fake currency notes. "The Northeast is known worldwide for its beauty and socio-cultural diversities. But the truth is that post-Independence, the region did not develop at a pace it should have. It has developed under Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The people here know it," he said.

The minister lauded the BRO for the construction of the roads, saying it is key to the nation's security. Ten of the 12 roads have been built in Arunachal and one each in Ladakh and Jammu and Kashmir.



LJP Hajipur's MP Pashupati Kumar Paras arrives to attend the party's parliamentary committee meeting in Patna on Thursday | PTI

'HAD NO OPTION BUT TO OUST DICTATOR CHIRAG'

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @Patna

FOUR days after heading a coup against Chirag Paswan, LJP's Hajipur MP Pashupati Kumar Paras claimed he had no option but to oust his nephew who was a "dictator".

"When the nephew becomes a dictator, what will the uncle do? Ask him (Chirag), why he had removed me from the post of Bihar state president illegally?" Paras told the media after being elected unopposed as the LJP national president on Thursday.

Chirag had removed Paras from the post of the state president in 2019 following which the latter is said to have a grudge against his nephew.

Regarding the party's rule of 'One Person, One Post', Paras said that he would quit from the post of party's leader in Parliament the day he gets a berth in the Union Cabinet.

The new LJP president re-

solved to fulfil the dream of his elder brother Ram Vilas Paswan in his new role. "I have been given a big responsibility in the party. I'll try my best to fulfil the dream of my late elder brother by working for the disadvantaged people from all sections, including those who are educationally and economically backward among the upper castes," Paras said.

He ruled out any difference within the party after his revolt against Chirag. "Had there been differences, why should I have been elected unopposed? I have to take the party to the national level."

Interestingly, while Paras termed his nephew a 'dictator', the supporters of Chirag Paswan in Patna put up posters depicting the new LJP chief as 'Kattapa' and Chirag as 'Bahubali' with a one-liner message in Hindi: 'Gaddar Chacha se sabdhan' (Beware of traitor uncle).

BENGAL

Centre takes back Z-category security cover of Mukul Roy

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

@New Delhi

The central security cover of Mukul Roy, who recently rejoined the TMC after a brief stint with the BJP, has been withdrawn, home ministry officials said on Thursday.

Officials said Roy's Z-security security cover was withdrawn on Thursday morning on the directions of the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA). Roy had written to MHA requesting that his central security be withdrawn, soon after he rejoined TMC.

His security had been upgraded to Z-category ahead of the Bengal elections, citing possible threat from TMC cadre. Thirty-three CRPF personnel, including armed escorts, protected him in three shifts.

His son Subhrangshu Roy's CISF protection was also withdrawn last week. The father-son duo is now under the cover of the state police.

Roy, who was suspended from the TMC in 2017 for alleged anti-party activities, had joined the BJP and was appointed its national vice-president. But he and son returned to the Mamata Banerjee-led TMC last week after the BJP's drubbing in the polls even though the senior Roy won his Krishnanagar Uttar constituency as a saffron party candidate.

A total of 77 BJP MLAs were accorded central security cover by the MHA after the recently concluded state polls. The cover was provided after BJP alleged its workers and leaders were facing post-poll violence from the TMC.

Former encounter specialist held in Antilla case, NIA gets 12-day custody

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Mumbai

THE National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Thursday arrested three people, including former Mumbai Police officer and encounter specialist Pradeep Sharma, in the high-profile case related to the Antilla bomb scare case.

Sharma, who was also questioned earlier in the day, had a role in the conspiracy, the NIA said. The central agency has arrested Satish Tirupati Mothkuri, Manish Vasant Soni and Sharma for their role in the conspiracy.

Mothkuri, Soni and Sharma were produced before a special court which granted the NIA custody of the trio for 12 days.

During the raid at Sharma's residence, which lasted for almost four hours, NIA officers seized a printer, a computer and a laptop. The CRPF was deployed at Sharma's residence in Andheri, Mumbai during the course of the search.

"The NIA also conducted a raid at his residence located in JB Nagar in Mumbai's Andheri (West) around 6 am and the operation continued for several



A team of NIA arrives to conduct a raid at encounter specialist Pradeep Sharma's residence at Andheri on Thursday | PTI

hours. Our team recovered some incriminating documents from his house," an NIA officer said.

The case was registered on February 25 at the Gamdevi police station with the accused facing various charges under

the IPC and the Explosive Substances Act.

An explosives-laden SUV was found near industrialist Mukesh Ambani's south Mumbai residence 'Antilla' on February 25. Mansukh Hiran, who claimed that the vehicle had

been stolen from his possession, was found dead in Mumbai creek on March 5

Subsequently, the NIA took over the investigation following which it arrested seven suspects. Earlier, the agency had arrested Mumbai police officers Sachin Waze, Riyazuddin Kazi and Sunil Mane. All three were subsequently dismissed from service.

"I'm a Shiv Sena member and run a foundation. Being a social worker, many people come for help... They click pictures with me but that doesn't mean I know them —Pradeep Sharma, former police officer"

Mamata challenges Nandigram result in HC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Kolkata

WEST Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee moved the Calcutta High Court challenging the poll verdict of the Nandigram seat where she lost by more than 1,900 votes to her former trusted lieutenant Suvendu Adhikari.

The case will be heard in Kolkata High Court at 11 am on Friday.

Mamata's defeat in Nandi-

gram triggered a controversy as after the counting of total votes, the returning officer first declared her as the winner by more than 1,200 votes. But after counting of postal ballots, the officer later declared that she lost the battle by 1,956 votes.

The Election Commission then released the final results later in the night which declared Adhikari as the winner.

On the day of the election results, Mamata had made it clear

that she would move court challenging the Nandigram poll verdict.

Nandigram was one of the most keenly watched poll battles in Bengal. Mamata had accepted the BJP's challenge to contest only from Nandigram, a stronghold of the Adhikari family, and in the process, she had left her pocket borough Bhowanipore to Kolkata ex-mayor Sovande Chattopadhyay.

Factional war: Punjab CM, Sidhu likely to meet Sonia on June 20

HARPREET BAIWA @Chandigarh

SONIA Gandhi is likely to step in to resolve the protracted turf battle involving Punjab CM Amarinder Singh and the maverick Navjot Singh Sidhu. She is expected to meet the two on June 20 as the party prepares for the Assembly polls due early next year.

In her meeting with the CM, the party chief would likely discuss the cabinet reshuffle and other "adjustments," party sources said.

Sidhu is reportedly not keen on Deputy CM's post and has insisted on the state Congress chief's chair, which Amarinder has rejected, preferring instead a Hindu face. Though the CM wants Sidhu, the MLA from Amritsar East, to join back in the ministry, he doesn't want him to his deputy.

Sidhu had quit the state cabinet in 2019 after being divested of the local bodies portfolio. A three-member party panel in its report has suggested "adjusting" Sidhu.



Congress' Rahul Gandhi with Punjab Ekta Party's legislators after the two parties decided to contest together in Punjab election | PTI

Party sources said an "independent survey" is also being conducted for Sonia Gandhi to access the situation in the state as party leaders have told the three-member committee that the Congress was losing the battle of perception in the northern state.

Congress MLAs and ministers have been meeting Amarinder at his farmhouse in Siswan and briefing him about the ground situation at a time

when opposition SAD has been wooing Dalits and the non-Jats.

Meanwhile, rebel AAP MLA Sukhpal Singh Khaira, who is also the founder of Punjab Ekta Party, met Rahul Gandhi in Delhi and announced his party's merger with the Congress. He was accompanied by two other AAP MLAs.

Khaira was in Congress but switched to the AAP in December 2015.

'Improved law and order, better farm returns will help Yogi'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

THE BJP is hopeful that the performance of CM Yogi Adityanath on law and order front and measures for small and marginal farmers will help the party in the Assembly elections next year, UP minister Suresh Rana said on Thursday.

"People are well aware of the law and order situation when the Samajwadi Party was in power. The state government led by Yogi Adityanath has ensured much improved law and

order situations. The people in the state have a sense of security," Rana told journalists through video conference.

He also stated that the BJP government has ensured record payments to sugarcane farmers. He also said small and marginal farmers have benefited from a number of measures taken by the central and the state governments in the recent years.

Rana stressed that UP farmers unlike their counterparts

in Punjab and Haryana have no issues with the central farm laws. "The procurements on MSPs have gone up along with the direct payment to the accounts of the farmers. This has contributed to the realisation of the remunerative prices for the farmers."

He claimed that the Yogi Adityanath government's decisions have brought positive changes for sugarcane farmers and sugar industry in Uttar Pradesh.

"Along with giving a new flight to the dying sugar industry, the state government has turned the tables around by setting a new record of payment to sugarcane farmers," said Rana.

"So far, the state government has made a record payment of ₹1,37,518 crore to more than 45.44 lakh sugarcane farmers. This is twice what the BSP government and one and a half times more than the SP government had done for the sugarcane farmers."

Himanta on desi site to interact in Assamese

Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma is using a desi social media platform to air personal opinions and make government-related announcements. "I am happy that the Koo app is available in Assamese after I joined it. The app has given an opportunity to the people of Assam to express their views in Assamese. I am looking forward to exchanging views with everyone on this platform," Sarma tweeted. On June 8, he had made an appeal to people to join the Atmanirbhar award-winning micro-blogging platform. "Connect with me there for the latest updates and exclusive content," he had written. Sarma tries to solve problems of people through social media.



GUWAHATI DIARY

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IIT study on Virtual Water Flow for better policies

Researchers at the Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati (IIT, Guwahati) have paved the way for better water management policies in India. They used ecological economics to study socio-political factors governing "Virtual Water Flow", an emerging concept at the science-policy interface, with particular reference to India. Virtual Water (VW) is the water involved in the production and trade of food and non-food commodities and services. It is "invisible" water consumed throughout the lifecycle of the product or service. The concept of VW was conceived in the 1990s to understand how water-stressed countries could provide their people with essential items such as water-intensive products like food, clothing and shelter, which can define its trade characteristics.

Zoo animals in good spirits: Forest minister

No animal in the Assam State Zoo-cum-Botanical Garden has been affected by the pandemic so far. To learn about their health condition, Forest Minister Parimal Suklabaidya visited the zoo last week. He said all animals and birds were healthy and in "good spirits". The Minister also enquired about the health condition and wellbeing of zoo keepers. He thanked them for taking care of the animals during the pandemic. So far, 11 zookeepers have tested positive for Covid-19. The zoo has remained closed for visitors since April 28. Suklabaidya said the Guwahati zoo is following all Covid protocols.



Jumbo swallows helmet, video goes viral

A wild elephant, which strayed out of Amchang Wildlife Sanctuary on the city outskirts, swallowed a helmet. A two-wheeler was parked by the roadside with the helmet dangling from its handle. The jumbo stopped near the bike, grabbed the helmet and swallowed it before leaving. The incident came to the fore after a video had gone viral on social media. Experts say eating anything other than food can pose a serious health hazard. What happened to the elephant was not known. "The elephant eating a helmet show how habituated suburban giants are getting used to their surroundings," said an elephant expert.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that, my clients have agreed to purchase the Schedule property from its owners: (1)Dr.V.Padmajtha W/o late R.Venkataram and (2)Dr.N.Nagarath W/o S.N.V.Raghuram, both are residing in the Schedule property.

Dr.V.Padmajtha (the owner of the property bearing Municipal No.50) has represented that the Original Release Deed dated 11/11/2011, executed by Dr.H.R.Nagendra and his sisters in favour of their brother Dr.R.Venkataram was misplaced/lost and is not traceable. Further she represented that she or his husband Dr.R.Venkataram have not deposited or handed over the said Release Deed to any person/s or Bank and or any authority and that she has a freehold subsisting marketable title to the property bearing Municipal No.50.

If any persons have any manner of right, title, interest or claim or charge or lien over the Schedule property or otherwise have any lawful objection/s for sale of the Schedule property by the aforesaid owners, they are hereby called upon to file their objections in writing, along with the photocopies of documents on which they rely, with the undersigned, within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my clients.

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All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Municipal No.50, (PID No.46-6-50) and Municipal No.50/1 (PID No.46-6-50/1), measuring East to West 30 ft and North to South 110 ft, with a building thereon, situated at 4th Main Road, Chamaraipet, Bangalore-560018 and bounded on:

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West by : Property bearing No.51

North by : 4th Main Road

South by : Conservancy

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Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ (Loan Account Number) & Address	Property Address of Secured Asset / Asset to be Enforced	Date of Notice Sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date
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Under Section 13 (2) of the Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of Housing Development Finance Corporation Ltd. (HDFC Limited) under Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (2) of the said Act, calling upon the Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) listed hereunder, to pay the amounts mentioned in the Demand Notice, within 60 days from the date of the said Notice, as per details given below. The undersigned have, caused/are getting the said Notice to be pasted on the premises of the last known respective addresses of the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s). Copies of the said Notice are available with the undersigned, and the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s), may, if they so desire, collect the respective copy from the undersigned on any working day during normal office hours.

In connection with the above, Notice is hereby given, once again, to the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) to pay to HDFC Limited, within 60 days from the date of publication of this Notice, the amount indicated hereinbelow in their name(s), together with further interest @ 18% p.a. as detailed in the said Demand Notice from the date mentioned below in column (c) till the date of payment and / or realisation, read with the loan agreement and other documents/writings, if any, executed by the said Borrower(s). As security for due repayment of the loan, the following Secured Asset has been mortgaged to HDFC Limited by the said Borrower(s) respectively.

Attention of the Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) is invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset.

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative (s)	Total Outstanding Dues	Date of Demand Notice	(Description of Secured Asset in respect of which Security Interest has been created)
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(f)
1	Borrowers: (1) Mrs. N.R Shwetha , No.136, 3rd Cross, 7th Main Road, Syndicate Bank Colony, Near Kamakya Theatre, B S K 3rd Stage, Bangalore 560085 (2) Mrs. N R Shwetha , No 39, 1st C Main Road, Near Subhoda School, Hoskerhalli, Banashankari 3rd Stage, Bangalore 560085 (3) Mrs. N.R Shwetha , Ernst & Young LLP, Designation: Asst Manager, Department: US Tax, Global Sharebased Employee Kalyani, Magnum JP Nagar 2nd Phase, Dursai Palya, Bangalore 560076 (4) Mrs. N R Shwetha , Flat-A-210, 2nd Floor, Nisarga Capital Apartments, S No 148/3, Kannurhalli Village, Hoskote Tq, Bangalore 562114 (Co Borrower) Mr. Kiran P , No 39, 1st C Main Road, Near Subhoda School, Hoskerhalli, Banashankari 3rd Stage, Bangalore 560085 (2) Mr. Kiran P , Flat-A-210, 2nd Floor, Nisarga Capital Apartments, S No 148/3, Kannurhalli Village, Hoskote Tq, Bangalore 562114	Loan A/c No: 6369000694 Rs.31,81,097/- (Rupees Thirty One Lakhs Eighty One Thousand Eighty Seven Only) as on 30.04.2021	28.05.2021 N.P.A. Date: (e) 31.03.2021	Schedule-A: All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Sy.No.148/3 , situated at Kannurhalli village, Kasaba Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, measuring 1 acre, converted from agriculture to non agriculture purpose vide conversion order No.ALN(HK)CR42/10-11 dated 14.07.2010 issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, on Bounded on : East By : Sy.No.162 & 163, West By : Sy.No.149 & 150, North By : Remaining land in Sy.No.148/3, South By : Road & Brook. Schedule-B: Flat bearing No.A210, Khatha No. 117/148/3 & E- Khata No.150300401000120677 of "A" wing in Second Floor , Measuring 1143 Sq.Feet Super built up area containing Two Bed Room together with RCC Roofing Vitrified flooring, one common toilet and one attached toilet, one Hall, one Kitchen, together with one covered car parking space 579.79 Sq.ft, undivided interest and including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase, contained in the multistoried building known as "Nisarga Capital Apartments" constructed in converted Sy.No. 148/3 of Kannurhalli Village, Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District and bounded on the: East By : Nisarga Capital Block B Apartment, West By : 2 MTR Wide Corridors, North By : Flat Bearing No.A209, South By : Road and Brook.
2	Borrowers: (1) Mr. Deshpande Advait , B/53 Rakshalekha, Society, Gajendranagar, Lokmanyenagar S.O Pune, Maharashtra 411030 (2) Mr. Deshpande Advait , #H-11 CFTRI Quarters Mysore, Yadavagiri, Mysore-570020 (3) Mr.Deshpande Advait , Harman Connected Services Corporation India Private Limited, Designation: Senior Manager, Department: Engineering Employee No: 18007 Plot No-41, Hinjewadi IT Park, Rajaji Gandhi Info Park, MIDC, Pune, Maharashtra 411037 (4) Mr. Deshpande Advait , Flat-A-305, 3rd Floor, 80 Trees Apartment, S No 142/2, Doddakannelli Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore-560087 (Co-Borrower) (1) Mrs. Deshpande Meesha B/53Rakshalekha, Society, Gajendranagar, Lokmanyenagar S.O Pune, Maharashtra 411030 (2) Mrs. Deshpande Meesha #H-11 CFTRI Quarters Mysore, Yadavagiri, Mysore 570020 (3) Mrs. Deshpande Meesha , Flat-A-305, 3rd Floor, 80 Trees Apartment, S.No 142/2, Doddakannelli Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore-560087.	Loan A/c No: 622144608 Rs. 59,94,298/- (Rupees Fifty Nine Lakhs Ninety Four Thousand Two Hundred Ninety Eight Only) as on 30.04.2021	28.05.2021 N.P.A. Date: (e) 31.10.2020	All that piece and parcel of residential apartment bearing No.305 in "A Block" and situated in 3rd Level, of the building known as " Surya Shakti 80 Trees ", having a super built up area of 1477 Sq. Feet along with one covered car parking at still floor with proportionate share of 591 sq. feet of undivided share, right title and interest in the land on which the building is constructed situated on land bearing Survey No.142/2 and BBMP Katha No.1094 and measuring totally 1 Acre 10 Guntas and situated at Doddakannelli Village, Krishnarajapura Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore and presently falls in the limits of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Bangalore
3	Borrowers: (1) Mr. Tiwari S P #103/82, Venkateshwara Temple Road, Mangammanapalya Begur, Bangalore-560068 (2) Mr. Tiwari S P , Creative International Private Limited Designation: Store Manager Department: Store 368, 37, D R College Post, Krishnarang Industrial Area, Off Hosur Main Road, Tavarekere, Bangalore-560029 (3) Mr. Tiwari S P Flat-009, Ground Floor, Sky Lark JLB Residency Begur Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore-560068 (Co-Borrower) (1) Mrs. Thiawari Savitha # 103/82, Venkateshwara Temple Road, Mangammanapalya Begur, Bangalore-560068 (2) Mrs. Thiawari Savitha Aditya Birla Fashion And Retail Limited Designation: Tailor Department: Stitching 62/2A, Parappana Agrahara, Begur, Hosur Road, Electronics City, Bengaluru-560100 (3) Mrs. Thiawari Savitha Flat-009, Ground Floor, Sky Lark JLB Residency Begur Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore 560068.	Loan A/c No: (1) 627423566 Rs. 13,10,940/- (2) 628643160 Rs.59,215/- Total Rs. 13,70,155/- (Rupees Thirteen Lakhs Seventy Thousand One Hundred Fifty Five Only) as on 30.04.2021	24.05.2021 N.P.A. Date: (e) 28.02.2021	All that piece and parcel of residential 1 bed room apartment bearing No.009 on the Ground Floor, of the building known as " skylark Jlb Residency ", having a super built up area of 510 Sq. ft. along with common amenities with proportionate share of 114.70 sq.ft. of undivided share, right, title and interest in the land, on which this apartment complex is constructed, situated on land bearing Sy.No.532, 533, 534 and 535, Present BBMP No.217/532, 217/533, 217/534, 217/535, Old V.P. Khata No.217/532, 217/533, 217/534, 217/535 Carved out Converted (Vide Conversion Order bearing No. B.D.ALN.SR.(S)/07/2003-04, dated: 29.04.2003) formed in Sy.No.217 situated at Begur Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore.
4	Borrowers: (1) Mr.Ram Lalan Kumar , No 12, K No 415, Ground Floor, List No 24/145, Papana Layout,Kalkere Road, Ramamruthy Nagar, Doornaninagar, Bangalore 560016 (2) Mr.Ram Lalan Kumar Ward No 14, Marputahiri, Bairgaia Bairgaia, Sitamathi, Bihar 843313 (3) Mr.Ram Lalan Kumar , Ocagion Designation: Proprietor Sy No 108, Vaddarpalya Hennur Road-Agar K R Puram, Horamavu, Bengaluru 560043 (4) Mr.Ram Lalan Kumar , Site No 4, Sy No 176, Kalkere Village,K R Pura Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore-560016.	Loan A/c No: 618140177 Rs.84,65,785/- (Rupees Eighty Four Lakhs Sixty Five Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty Five Only) as on 31.05.2021	02.06.2021 N.P.A. Date: (e) 31.01.2021	All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Site No 4, House List No 176 , measuring 5292 Square feet, situated at Kalkere Village, K R Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Measuring Eastern Side 54 feet, on the western side 54 feet, on the Northern Side 103 Feet on the southern Side 93 feet, in all measuring 5292 Sq Ft and bounded on : East by : Road, West by : Private Property, North by : Private Property, South by : Site No 5. And any construction thereon.
5	Borrowers: (1) Mr. Noah Immanuel , Flat No 407, Gladiola Gardenia Apartment, BDS Layout 2nd Cross, Hegde Nagar, Dr.Shivarama Karanth Nagar, Bengaluru 560077 (2) Mr. Noah Immanuel , No 3/2, 3rd Floor, Anepalya, Bangalore South Adugudi, Bengaluru 560030 (3) Mr. Noah Immanuel , Digipations India Private Limited, Designation: Senior Team Lead, Designation: C&D Employee No.: BLR00559 Embassy Golflinks Business Park, Pebble Beach Block B, 1st Floor, Off Intermediate Link Road, A F Hospital, Bangalore 560071 (4) Mr. Noah Immanuel , Plot-ZRS90, Zed Rainseed, Rammanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Mysore Tq, Bangalore 570019.	Loan A/c No: 628577442 Rs.29,35,403/- (Rupees Twenty Nine Lakhs Thirty Five Thousand Four Hundred Three Only) as on 30.04.2021	28.05.2021 N.P.A. Date: (e) 30.11.2020	Schedule - A: All that piece and parcel of the residentially converted land bearing Sy.No.213 measuring 28 Guntas, Sy.No.214/1 measuring 2 Acre 24 Guntas, Sy.No.214/2 measuring 4 Acre 6 Guntas, Sy.No.214/3 measuring 1 Acre 18 Guntas, Sy.No.214/4 measuring 4 Guntas, jointly measuring 9 Acre, situated at Rammanahalli, Kasaba Hobli, Mysore Taluk, jointly converted vide its official memorandum No. ALN (1) CR/01/2010-11, Dated 28.07.2011, passed by the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore and jointly bounded on : East by : Sy.No.212, Sy.No.215 and Road, West by : Sy.No.207 and Sy. No.208, North by : Sy.No.212 and Sy.No.215, South by : Road, Sy.No.215 and Sy.No.249 Schedule - B: All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Residential Site No.90 measuring East to West 15 Mtrs and North to South 12 Mtrs, totally measuring 1938 Sq.ft.(180 Mtrs), in the layout named "ZED RAINSEED" formed in Schedule 'A' Property duly approved by the Bangalore Mysore Infrastructure Corridor Area Planning Authority (BMICAPA) vide its Sanction bearing No.BM/CAPA/101/AV/930/2011-12, dated 30.06.2012 and as per Gram Panchayath Records Property No.1922/1886/90, Unique Code No.152200401033023942 and Bounded as follows: East by : Road, West by : Site No.77 and 78, North by : Site No.91, South by : Site No.89.

*with further interest @ 18% p.a. as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc incurred till the date of payment and / or realization. If the said Borrower (s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) fail to make payment to HDFC Limited as aforesaid, then HDFC Limited shall proceed against the above Secured Asset / Immovable Property under Section 13 (4) of the said Act and the applicable Rules entirely at the risk of the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) as to the costs and consequences. The said Borrower (s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) are prohibited under the said Act to transfer the aforesaid Secured Asset / Immovable Property, whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise without the prior written consent of HDFC Limited. Any person who contravenes or abets contravention of the provisions of the Act or Rules made thereunder shall be liable for imprisonment and/or penalty as provided under the Act.

Date: 18.06.2021
Place: Bangalore

For Housing Development Finance Corporation Ltd
Sd/- Authorized Officer of HDFC Ltd. under SARFAESI Act, 2002

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LOST

I, Shylaja, W/o. Devaraju have lost Original papers of Property being No.D-3, Assessment No. 8/1, Katha No.306B, Basaveshwara Layout, Nagashettyhalli, Kasab Hobli, Bangalore and also GPA Paper while taking Photocopy. If anybody found pls Contact nearest police station or 9980960267

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are informed that My client Michael Jackson M Sio Michael Joe A. Residing at No.505, 18th Cross, 3rd Main Agrahara Layout, Yelahanka Bangalore, hereby informs that, all the educational certificates of Degree Marks Cards which have been lost/misplaced while shifting the house and is not in a position to trace the Original Degree marks cards and educational certificates, My client has also lodged a police complaint in Lost Article Report dated 28.02.2021 No.059/6552021 before Crime Branch Bangalore City Police. Any person/s in possession of the aforesaid document may return the same to us or anyone having any sort of claim over the said property may lodge their objections in writing within 7 days from this day to the undersigned.

Karthik, S. Rao, B. Advoca,
No.10, Second Floor, Car Street, Halasuru,
Bangalore - 560 008.
Date : 18.06.2021, Place : Bangalore.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that my client Mr. Venkataraman had lost the original Hasku patra of the property no bearing No.262, Sy.No. 24 situated at Sengeshalli, KR Puram Hobli (measuring East to West 35 feet and North to South 25 feet, Totally measuring 875 Sq Feet) allotted in the month of March 1991 by the chief officer ITI and N.A.C, K.R. Puram Bangalore - 56, on behalf of the Government of Karnataka Ashraya Scheme as per the Government order No. HUD 407 KHB91. A complaint is lodged in the police station regarding the loss. If anybody found the said document please contact this Mobile No. 8618017913.

RAVICHANDRA, Advocate
DRITHE LEGAL CONSULTANTS
No. 60, 4th Cross, Church Road,
Cauevery Nagar, Murgesh Palya,
Bengaluru - 560 017. Mobile: 9880388463

PUBLIC NOTICE



Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd. 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanahalli Hosur Main Road Bangalore- 560068

The following borrower/s have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the loans facility obtained by them from the Bank and the loans have been classified as Non-Performing Assets (NPA). A notice was issued to them under Section 13 (2) of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act-2002 on their last known addresses, however it was not served and hence they are hereby notified by way of this public notice.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ (Loan Account Number) & Address	Property Address of Secured Asset / Asset to be Enforced	Date of Notice Sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date
1.	Shwetha S/ Subbanna C V- No 81 C Block 1st Stage Shashwath Ananda Layout Bogadi Mysore- 570022/ LBMYSD00002462028/ LBMYSD00001948976/ LBMYSD00001948977	Site No, 81, (Eighty One) C Block, Chamaraaja Mohalla, Bogadi Village, Mysore City, The Site Made By Ananda Housing Co- Operation Society @ Mysore, And The Property Bounded By: East By: Property No 83 West By: 30 Feet Road North By: Property No 80 South By: Property No 82 (in Between East To West 30 Feet And North to South 40 Feet Site)	25.03.2021 Rs. 42,87,846/-	31.08.2020
2.	Shwetha S/ Subbanna C V- No 81 C Block 1st Stage Shashwath, Ananda Layout, Bogadi, Mysore- 570022/ LBMYSD00004863842/ LBMYSD00004864484	Property Bearing House No, 21 LIG, 21/A, 21/B, 2nd Stage, Situated at Kuvempu Nagar, Tonachi Koppalu, Chamaraaja Mohalla, Mysore City, and The Property bounded by: East by: LIG House No. 22 West by: LIG House No. 20 North by: LIG House no. 15 South by: Road Measuring area : East to West: 30.00 Feet, and North to South: 45.00 Feet	25.03.2021/ Rs. 1,02,28,171/-	31.08.2020

The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The above borrower/s and/or their guarantors (as applicable) are advised to make the payments of outstanding within period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice else further steps will be taken as per the provisions of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

Date : June 18, 2021
Place: Mysore

Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited



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POSSESSION NOTICE

Under Rule 8(1) of the security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (For Immovable Property)

WHEREAS, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of State Bank of India, under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and, in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued Demand Notices calling upon the following borrowers/guarantors to repay the amount mentioned in the notice with further interest/cost etc within 60 days from the date of the receipt of the said notice. Details of demand notices such as date of issue and loan outstanding amount are mentioned against each borrower hereunder.

1. Name and address of the Borrower : Sri Lokesh. N S/o T Narayana Swamy, C/o Rukmani Bangale Store, No. 10, 4th Cross, Langford Road, Nanjappa Circle, Bangalore-560 027. Also at: # 23, 2nd Cross, Mission Road, Sampangirang Nagar, Near HCG Hospital, Bangalore-560 027. And Also at: # 13 & 14 (New No. 13/1), BBMP Khata No. 13/2, PID No. 77-2-13/2, 1st Cross, Mission Road, Sampangirang Nagar, Near HCG Hospital, Bangalore-560 027

Demand Notice date : 05.01.2021

A/c. No. HTL64151049877 SVR/40374/HL/35
Loan Outstanding amount as per demand notice: Rs. 23,63,886/- (Rupees Twenty Three Lakhs Sixty Three Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty Six only) as on 04.01.2021 with future interest & expenses thereon

Possession Taken date : 15.06.2021

Loan Outstanding amount : Rs.23,36,716/- (Rupees Twenty Three Lakhs Thirty Six Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixteen only) as on 13.06.2021 and with further interest from 14.06.2021 and expenses thereon.

Description of the immovable property: All that Piece and Parcel of property bearing No. 13 & 14, New No.13/1, BBMP Khata No.13/2, PID No. 77-2-13/2, measuring East to West 25ft and North to South 32 ft, situated at Sampangirang Nagar, 73rd Division, Mission Road, 1st Cross, Bangalore-560 027, in all 800 sqt consisting of Ground Floor measuring 550 sqt, and 1st Floor measuring 550 sqt, built with Mosaic Flooring, Forest Wooden Doors and Windows, bounded on the:- East : Road, West : Property of Saraswathi, North : 10 feet Voni, South : Properties of Ramaiah and Katappa.

2. Name of the Borrowers : Smt. Nanjamma, W/o Shri. Eshwarappa, Malligangamappa extension, Dinnur Cross, Anekal-562106. also at: Municipal no. 413/2723/38, Ward No. 7/2, Bangiramaiah Layout, Bidaragere Road, Anekal-562106 and **Mr. K Gangadhar (Guarantor)** S/o Late D Krishnappa, Near Gandhi Circle, Anekal Town-562 106.

Demand Notice date : 09.12.2020

HTL64052188122/40027/HL/50
Loan Outstanding amount as per demand notice : Rs. 12,75,397/- (Rs. Twelve Lakhs Seventy Five Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Seven only) as on 07.12.2020 with future interest & expenses thereon

Possession Taken date : 15.06.2021

Loan Outstanding amount : Rs.12,50,979/- (Rupees Twelve Lakhs Fifty Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Nine only) as on 13.06.2021 and with further interest from 14.06.2021 and expenses thereon.
Description of the immovable property: All that part and parcel of the property bearing Municipal Assessment No. 413/2723/38, measuring 9.15 X 12.20 meters situated in Ward No.7/2 at Bh

'Russia ready for further dialogue if US is willing'

MOSCOW

THE Kremlin was guarded about future dialogue with Washington on Thursday, a day after the first face-to-face meeting between Russian President Vladimir Putin and US counterpart Joe Biden.

The two leaders met in Geneva on Wednesday to ease soaring tensions between Moscow and Washington, with relations at their lowest since the end of the Cold War. Putin said Russia was ready to continue the talks provided Washington was also willing to do so.

"We are ready to continue this dialogue to the same extent as the American side is," Putin said in televised remarks. The Russian leader said the meeting was "quite friendly" and that he and Biden "were able to understand each other on key issues".

Putin said the US president was a "professional" and "you have to be very attentive when working with him so as not to miss something".

"So what that he sometimes confuses things," Putin said. "His press secretary is a young, educated, beautiful woman — she herself constantly confuses things," Putin said, referring to White House press secretary Jen Psaki. "It is not because she is poorly educated or has a bad memory; just when people think that some things are secondary they don't focus too much attention on them," he said.

Putin said "Americans think that nothing is more important than themselves". After talks

that lasted more than three hours, the leaders issued a brief statement agreeing to start dialogue on nuclear arms control, a key issue after Biden's predecessor Donald Trump withdrew from a bilateral arms accord with Russia.

On Thursday, the joint statement was hailed by senior Kremlin officials.

"Even though it's a very short text, the joint statement on strategic stability realises the special responsibility of our two countries not only to our people but to the whole world," Putin's spokesman Dmitry Peskov said in a radio interview on Thursday.



Vladimir Putin

Earlier on Thursday, Russia's Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov said the rejection of the possibility of a nuclear war by the two sides was a "significant achievement".

Diplomatic relations between Moscow and Washington had all but broken down since Biden took office, with tensions high over a long list of disputes, from cyberattacks and election meddling to human rights violations.

While Putin described the Geneva summit as "constructive", there were no concrete announcements apart from an agreement to bring back respective ambassadors, who both returned home earlier this year.

Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova said Thursday that Russia's ambassador Anatoly Antonov is expected to return to Washington next week. AFP



Cheung Kim Hung (right), CEO and executive director of Next Digital Ltd, is escorted by police into the offices of the local Apple Daily newspaper in Hong Kong on Thursday. AFP



Pro-government activists celebrate with champagne in Hong Kong on Thursday. AFP

Hong Kong arrests executives, five editors of pro-democracy tabloid

Arrests under national security law; newspaper colluded with foreign powers, say police

HONG KONG

HONG KONG police used a sweeping national security law Thursday to arrest five editors and executives of a pro-democracy newspaper on charges of colluding with foreign powers — the first time the legislation has been used against the press in yet another sign of an intensifying crackdown by Chinese authorities in the city long known for its freedoms.

Police said they had evidence that more than 30 articles published by Apple Daily played a "crucial part" in what they called a conspiracy with foreign countries to impose sanctions against China and Hong Kong.

Apple Daily said in a statement that the move left it "speechless" but vowed to continue its reporting.

UK says China 'targeting dissenting voices'

London: UK Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab on Thursday said China was using security legislation to "target dissenting voices" in Hong Kong. "Today's raids & arrests at Apple Daily in Hong Kong demonstrate Beijing is using the National Security Law to target dissenting voices, not tackle public security," Raab tweeted. "Freedom of the press is one of the rights China promised to protect in the Joint Declaration & should be respected," Raab said.

The newspaper has long been one of the most outspoken defenders of Hong Kong's freedoms and in recent years has often criticized the Chinese and Hong Kong governments for walking back promises that the territory could retain those freedoms for 50 years after the former British colony was handed over to China in 1997.

Those arrested Thursday included Apple Daily's chief editor Ryan Law; the CEO of its publisher Next Digital, Cheung Kim-hung; the publisher's chief operating officer; and two other top editors, according to the newspaper.

Police also froze 18 million Hong Kong dollars (\$2.3 million) in assets belonging to three companies linked to Apple Daily, said Li Kwai-wah, a senior superintendent at Hong Kong's National Security Department.

In an apparent show of force, more than 200 police officers were involved in the search of Apple Daily's offices, and the

government said a warrant was obtained to look for evidence of a suspected violation of the national security law.

Apple Daily published a letter to its readers, saying that police had confiscated many items during the search, including 38 computers that contained "considerable" journalistic material. "Today's Hong Kong feels unfamiliar and leaves us speechless. It feels as though we are powerless to stop the regime from exercising its power as it pleases," the letter read. "The staff of Apple Daily is standing firm. We will continue to persist as Hongkongers and live up to the expectations so that we have no regrets to our readers and the times we are in."

Hong Kong Security Minister John Lee said police will investigate those arrested and others. AP

Apple Daily: Tabloid that dared to take China head on

HONG KONG

OVER the past 26 years Hong Kong's Apple Daily newspaper has evolved into the city's most popular tabloid by punching up against a particularly powerful entity that brooks little criticism: China's communist leadership.

It has now been declared a threat to national security and its future is deeply uncertain. Caustic criticism of Beijing has been part of the paper's DNA from the beginning.

It was founded in 1995 "as a newspaper for Hong Kong people" by Jimmy Lai, a billionaire mogul who had fled to the city from the mainland as a penniless child, and amassed a fortune selling clothes.

Though its circulation has come down from a high of 4,00,000 copies a day to around 80,000, Apple Daily remains a voice of defiance. As Hong Kong's pro-democracy movement gathered steam from 2014 onwards, Lai became public enemy number one to Beijing, with state media routinely describing him as a "traitor" and a "black hand". He Daily's support for the democracy protests that rocked Hong Kong in 2019 infuriated Beijing further; as did Lai campaigning for international sanctions. AFP

Fire-ravaged cargo ship sinks fully prompting pollution fear

COLOMBO



Volunteers checking the carcass of a blue whale that washed ashore at the island of Kayts, in the northern Jaffna region. Dozens of turtles and dolphins were killed by intense heat and chemical poisoning from a container ship that burnt for almost two weeks off Sri Lanka. AFP

A CONTAINER ship carrying chemicals sank off Sri Lanka's capital on Thursday nearly a month after catching fire, raising concerns about a possible environmental disaster, officials said. The ship's operator said the wreck of the Singapore-flagged X-Press Pearl "is now wholly sitting on the seabed at a depth of 21 meters."

A salvage crew was at the site to deal with any debris and report any spill, X-Press Feeders said. The head of Sri Lanka's Marine Environment Protection Authority, Darshini Lahandapura, also confirmed that the ship had sunk.

She said it was currently unsafe to remove the wreck because of

rough monsoon seas. "The sea is very violent. In the rough season, we can't do anything," she said. The monsoon season started last month and usually ends in September. "Until such time, the owner of the vessel has appointed a caretaker company," she said. "The entire area will be looked after by the caretaker company until the owner appoints a wreck removal company."

The fire broke out on the vessel on May 20 when it was anchored about 9.5 nautical miles (18km) northwest of Colombo and waiting to enter the port.

The Sri Lankan navy believes the blaze was caused by its chemical cargo, which included 25 tons of nitric acid and other chemicals. AP

Civilian abuse in Myanmar alarming: UN

BANGKOK

THE United Nations' office in Myanmar expressed concern on Thursday about escalating human rights abuses after reports this week that a group opposed to the country's ruling military may have executed 25 civilians it captured and that government security forces had burned down a village.

The struggle between the military regime that took power in February after ousting the elected government and those opposing it has sharpened in recent months.

Elements of what had initially been a nonviolent civil disobedience movement against the takeover evolved into a fledgling armed resistance force in response to harsh repression from police and soldiers who killed hundreds of peaceful protesters and bystanders.

The statement by the UN office cited abuses by both sides, calling on "all actors in the current crisis to ensure that international human rights norms and standards are respected."

"This includes upholding the obligation to minimise collateral harm to civilians and prohibiting the application of collective punishments against communities, families or individuals," the UN office said.

The statement noted the discovery of two mass graves in the eastern state of Kayah, also called Karen, containing the human remains of 25 people "who had reportedly been detained on 31 May by the Karen National Defense Organization," or KNDO. AP



Race reckoning: Juneteenth to be made a federal holiday in US

WASHINGTON

THE United States will soon have a new federal holiday commemorating the end of slavery. The House voted 415-14 on Wednesday to make Juneteenth, or June 19th, the 12th federal holiday, and President Joe Biden is scheduled to sign the bill into law on Thursday.

Juneteenth commemorates June 19, 1865, when Union soldiers brought the news of freedom to enslaved Black people in Galveston, Texas — two months after the Confederacy had surrendered. That was also about 2 1/2 years after the Emancipation Proclamation freed slaves in the Southern states.

It's the first new federal holiday since Martin Luther King Jr. Day was created in 1983.

"Our federal holidays are purposely few in number and recognize the most important milestones," said Rep. Carolyn Maloney, D-N.Y. "I cannot think of a more important milestone to commemorate than the end of slavery in the United States."

Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee, D-Texas, speaking next to a large poster of a Black man whose back bore massive scarring from being whipped, said she would be in Galveston this Saturday to celebrate along with Republican Sen. John Cornyn of Texas.

"Can you imagine?" said the rather short Jackson Lee. "I will be standing maybe taller than Sen. Cornyn, forgive me for that, because it will be such an elevation of joy."

The Senate passed the bill a day earlier under a unanimous consent agreement that expedites the process for considering legislation. It takes just one senator's objection to block such agreements. AP

The Brihanmumbai Electric Supply & Transport Undertaking
(Of The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation)

TENDER NOTICE

e-tender is invited for the supply of following item.

(1) Contract for arranging Temporary Electric Supply for affected services by providing Aerial Lifts on Hired basis with Crew member,

RE-INVITED E-TENDERS

(2) 69032, (3) 70745, (4) 70842 (Corrigendum), (5) 70772

Note : For more details, log on to website <https://mahatenders.gov.in>.

PRO/AAM(M)/31/2021. **GENERAL MANAGER**

No.747/PW/EE/BRC/DB/D5/2021 Dt.17.06.2021

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

The Executive Engineer, Building & Roads (Central) Division, PWD, Puducherry invites on behalf of President of India tenders through e-Tendering for the following works :

- NIT No.9/PW/BRC/2021. Name of Work : "Improvements, repairing of roads and reconstruction of 'U' drain, 'L' drain in Puducherry (Phase-III). Sub-Works :

- Improvements to the Kurunji Nagar main road, Lawspet, Puducherry.
- Improvements to the Krishna Nagar main road and Thiruvalluvar Nagar road, Lawspet, Puducherry.
- Improvements to the internal roads in Karuvadikuppam and surrounding nagars, Puducherry.
- Improvements to the internal roads in Lawspet and surrounding nagars, Puducherry.
- Improvements to the road and reconstruction of 'U' drain in RC-24 Lawspet road from kokku park to M.G. Road, Puducherry - a) Road Work & b) Drain Work"

Estimated Cost : ₹.13,09,17,511/- (inclusive of GST). Earnest money ₹.23,09,175/- e-Tender processing fee : ₹.1,500/- + GST @ 5% & time of completion 9 (Nine) months. Last date and time for submission of bid 05/07/2021 - 11.00 A.M.

- NIT No.10/PW/BRC/2021. Name of work : "Improvements, repairing of roads and reconstruction of 'U' drain, 'L' drain in Puducherry (Phase - III). Sub Work : Improvements and widening to the link road from Odiampet to NH45 at Arumbathapuram, Puducherry".

Estimated Cost : ₹.2,19,88,287/- (inclusive of GST). Earnest money : ₹.4,39,766/- e-Tender processing fee : ₹.1,500/- + GST @ 5% & time of completion 4 (Four) months. Last date and time for submission of bid 05/07/2021 - 11.00 A.M.

The detailed procedure is available in the Press Notice which can be downloaded along with the NIT from the website : www.pudutenders.gov.in only by those contractors who are having valid ikey and Digital Signature Certificate.

No.040/DI/AD/Press/2021-22 **EXECUTIVE ENGINEER**

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General public that my client Sri. N. Venkatesh S/o Late A. Narayanappa, age 65 years, R/at No.41, 1st F Main, 8th Cross, 1st Phase, Girinagara, Bangalore-560085 intends to purchase the schedule property mentioned here under from its absolute owner Sri. C.B. Krishna Rao, S/o Late C. Bhavanna Rao, Agad allu, R/at No. 102, 102/5 & 107 at Kathariguppe Village (BSK III Stage), Bengaluru South, Presently comes within the limits of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Srinivasanagar Ward No.54, East to West 40 feet, North to South 60 feet totally measuring 2400 Sq Feet, P.D. No. 54-302-695, Municipal No. 695, Kempwode HBSC Kathariguppe, BSK 3rd Stage, Bengaluru and bounded by:- East by: Site No. 696, West by: Site No. 694, North by: Site No. 706, South by: Road. Together with 1000 Square Feet of Residential House with all civic amenities.

S. Venkatesh, Advocate No.42, Vasavi Temple Road, V.V. Puram, Bangalore-560004. Mob: 9845154486, 9880106664

Karnataka Government (An Autonomous Institution)

KARWAR INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES, KARWAR

E-Tender Notification

No: KIMS/e-Tender/ 57 /2021-22 Date: 11.06.2021

Tenders are invited for Supply of Laboratory Equipments to Microbiology Department at Karwar Institute of Medical Sciences, Karwar. The details of e-tender can be obtained from website: <http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in>

- Commencement of date for uploading of tender forms : 17.06.2021
- Pre-bid Date : 25.06.2021
- Last date for uploading the tender forms : 03.07.2021 Before 5:00 pm.
- Opening of the technical bids : 05.07.2021

Sd/- Director, KIMS, Karwar

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED

CIN: U05110KA1970SGC001919

No. A1M1B3/Pond Ash/RTPS/June 2021 Dated: 18.06.2021

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) NOTIFICATION

(Two Cover System) (Through Gok e-Procurement Portal)

KPCL invites (EOI) for Proposals from cement manufacturers. Purpose of the project: Evacuation and Utilization of entire pond as (presently around 400 lakh MT) that is accumulated in the ash ponds of RTPS within the next ten years or earlier. Brief Scope of work: Establishing & Maintaining Pond Ash Drying and Grinding Unit at RTPS using scientific approach of mining and Lifting the conditioned ash. Last date for receipt of the proposals: 02.07.2021, 17.00 Hrs. The EOI document can be downloaded from the website: <https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in> Further details can be had from The Superintending Engineer (Mines), KPCL, No. 82, Shakti Bhavan, III Floor, Race Course Road, Bengaluru - 560 001. e-mail: cefuelskpcl@karnataka.gov.in / sefuels@gmail.com Website: www.karnatakakpwr.com e-Portal/ HP HelpDesk No.080-22234115 / 22230960.

DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the said Act) read with Rule 3 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (the said Rules), in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the said Rules, the Authorised Officer of IFIL Home Finance Ltd. (IFIL HFL) (Formerly known as India Infoline Housing Finance Ltd.) has issued Demand Notices under section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the Borrower(s), to repay the amount mentioned in the respective Demand Notice(s) issued to them. In connection with above, notice is hereby given, once again, to the Borrower(s) to pay within 60 days from the publication of this notice, the amounts indicated herein below, together with further interest from the date(s) of Demand Notice till the date of payment. The detail of the Borrower(s), amount due as on date of Demand Notice and security offered towards repayment of loan amount are as under:-

Name of the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date & Amount	Description of secured asset (immovable property)
Mr. Narayanappa T. Mr. Thimmajaya A. Mrs. Varalakshmi Thimmajaya (Prospect No. 814635)	14-June-2021 Rs. 3,56,402.00/- (Rupees Three Lakh Fifty Six Thousand Four Hundred Two Only)	All that piece and parcel of the property being: Door No.1/77, S.R.No.149/22, Natham Survey No. 149/22, Natham Survey No. 917/23, and Old No.149, 150 & 153 admeasuring 1248 Sft. Situated at Ormalavadi Village, Hosur Taluk, Krishnagiri Dist. Ormalavadi Village, Hosur, Tamil Nadu.
Mrs. Vimala R. Mr. Venkatesh P. (Prospect No. 815437 & 919862)	14-June-2021 Prospect No. 815437 Rs. 13,03,400.00/- (Rupees Thirteen Lakh Three Thousand Four Hundred Only) Prospect No. 919862 Rs. 1,87,992.00/- (Rupees One Lakh Eighty Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Two Only)	All that piece and parcel of the property being: Plot No. 1693, Mahaveer Palatium, Located in Sd/- Suburban, Situated at Giddanahalli Village, Jigani Hobli Anekal, Bengaluru, Karnataka

If the said Borrowers fail to make payment to IFIL HFL as aforesaid, IFIL HFL may proceed against the above secured assets under Section 13(4) of the said Act, and the applicable Rules, entirely at the risks, costs and consequences of the Borrowers. For further details please contact to Authorised Officer at Branch Office : IFIL HFL, ADAM CHAMBERS, #11, Richmond Road, Bengaluru - 560025 or Corporate Office : IFIL Tower, Plot No. 98, Udyog Vihar, Ph-IV Gurgaon, Haryana. Place: Bengaluru Date: 18.06.2021 Sd/- Authorised Officer, For IFIL Home Finance Ltd

DEPARTMENT OF STATE EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH AND TRAINING

No. 4, 100 ft. Ring Road, Banashankari 3rd Stage, Bengaluru-85 Ph. No. : 080-26980100, Fax: 080-26422377

No.: ET/EC/Edu/DsrtHub.Tender/02/21-22 Date: 17.06.2021

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through GOK e-Procurement portal only)

Director, Department of State Educational Research and Training, Bengaluru is inviting e-tender from eligible agencies for E-BID NOTIFICATION FOR OPERATION AND COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL MAINTENANCE CONTRACT (CAMC) OF BROADCASTING HUB AT DSERT. Last date for submitting e-tender is 19.07.2021 at 5:30pm. For more details please log on to website: <https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in/> Service Tender is uploaded in Goods Section.

Sd/- Director DIPR/DDU/578/Alaknanda/2021-22

STAY PROTECTED FROM COVID-19: NO CARELESSNESS UNTIL THERE IS A CURE.

Wear Mask 6 Feet Follow Physical Distancing Maintain Hand Hygiene

ZAMBIA'S FIRST PRESIDENT KENNETH KAUNDA DIES AT AGE 97

Lusaka (Zambia): Zambia's first president and champion of African independence, Kenneth Kaunda, has died at the age of 97, the country's President Edgar Lungu announced on Facebook on Thursday evening. Kaunda was being treated for pneumonia. Zambia will have 21 days of mourning, said Lungu. Prime Minister Narendra Modi condoled the death of Kaunda. In a tweet, Modi said, "Saddened to hear of the demise of Dr Kenneth David Kaunda, a respected world leader and statesman. My deepest condolences to his family and the people of Zambia." Kaunda's son, Kamaranga Kaunda, also gave the news of the statesman's death on Facebook on Thursday. "I am sad to inform we have lost Mzee", Kaunda's son wrote, using a Swahili term of respect for an elder. "Let's pray for him."



MARKET			
178.65	Sensex	52,323.33	
76.15	Nifty	15,691.40	

GOLD			
₹ 24 carat (1 gm)	₹ 4,835		
₹ 22 carat (1 gm)	₹ 4,735		

SILVER			
₹ 1,000	Per kg	₹ 70,300	
₹ 1.00	Per gm	₹ 70.30	

FOREX			
₹ Dollar	74.14		
₹ Euro	88.47		

Flipkart, Amazon challenge order on antitrust probe

BISMAL MALIK @ Bengaluru

E-COMMERCE majors Flipkart and Amazon have appealed before a division bench of the Karnataka High Court to set aside the single-bench order of June 11, which allowed the Competition Commission of India to continue its probe into alleged anti-competitive practices by the e-tailers.

Flipkart and Amazon have filed their appeals separately.

In its appeal, Flipkart has sought the Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT) and Delhi Vyapar Mahasangh be held responsible for contempt of court, abusing the process of law by providing incorrect information "based on ill motives" to CCI as well as the courts.

Terming the CCI probe 'erroneous', Flipkart said the probe will cause irreparable damage to the company's reputation/loss of goodwill. The fresh appeal comes after reports of India's competition watchdog having expedited its probe into alleged preferential treatment of sellers, deep discounting and exclusive tie-ups with brands in violation of the country's Competition Act.

The Walmart backed e-commerce firm accused CAIT of approaching the CCI with 'unclean hands' and said the watchdog as well as the single bench passed order "without application of the mind".

The e-tailer said the traders'



The speed at which they (e-tailers) have rushed to court to file an appeal shows their involvement in illegal and mala fide practices causing harm to small merchants and the Indian economy

Praveen Khandelwal, general secretary, CAIT

body and its affiliate Delhi Vyapar Mahasangh did not provide conclusive evidence to the CCI on the basis of which the probe was ordered. It added the watchdog simply initiated a probe into the allegations without taking into cognizance the veracity of these charges and the "ill motives" of these trader organizations.

Flipkart said the CCI did not penalise the CAIT and its subsidiaries of ₹1 crore for providing unsubstantiated information to the regulator, and has only been giving empty threats before judicial authorities. It also said that it cannot be held accountable for allegations like having exclusive arrangement with sellers because of common shareholders/ board directors or employees.

IKEA store to come up at Nagasandra

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IKEA CEO Peter Betzel said that Karnataka is a very important market for IKEA and Bengaluru is one of the largest home furnishing markets in India. "We will bring a complete omni-channel offer to the market and are excited to take the first step now with the launch of our e-commerce channel and meeting the many people in Bengaluru with their aspirations and dreams for a better life at home. IKEA will also open a big IKEA store at Nagasandra within a year. It will be connected to the Nagasandra Metro station, supporting faster and greener commute. Over time, we will also open a city centre store within Bengaluru to be even more accessible and connect with many more people," he added.



SESA SEN @ New Delhi

GRAPPLED with weakened finances, mounting debt and inability to quickly adapt to the changing consumer behaviour brought by Covid-19 protocols, small businesses in huge numbers are disappearing.

The number of distressed small firms looking to exit has doubled to 20 per day during the second wave of disruptions compared to the first. While these businesses may be pint-sized (less than ₹2 crore in size), these failures could wreak longer-lasting unemployment and broader economic damage. Since April 2020, at least 4,900 owners have listed their business for sale with restaurants, fashion, gyms, cloud kitchen, event management companies dominating the space, according to data shared by online dealmaking firm SMERGERS.

"In response to the Covid-led revenue shock, businesses that are looking to close include mostly those who are in services industries, such as, food,

SMALL BIZ CARNAGE: 4,900 COVID-HIT FIRMS UP FOR SALE

main street fashion and educational services," said Vishal Devanath, Founder & CEO of SMERGERS.

These firms are looking at selling off their businesses because of financial hardships and also affected by changed customer behavior, especially the physical distancing and mandated operational restrictions that began during the pandemic. These firms have no capital to even update their business models.

Broadly, there is no concept of mergers and acquisition (M&A) for small businesses. It is either a fire sale of assets or savvy investors infusing funds

Over 40% of the businesses in the services industry and 12% in manufacturing were forced to shut. If small businesses are not able to survive, there will be a dearth of jobs. Corporates alone can't fill the unemployment hole

Vinod Kumar, President, India SME Forum

SBI offers restructuring of loans

State Bank of India offers restructuring of loans to eligible borrowers for loans availed under Home Loans, Xpress Credit, Education Loans and Auto Loans. Use the below link to opt restructuring. https://covid19restruct.sbi.co.in:8443/EMIRestruct/EMI_CustomerLogin.jsp



IIM Nagpur and CIRT Pune sign MoU

IIM Nagpur signed an MoU with the Central Institute of Road Transport Pune on Thursday. Dr Bhimaraya Metri, director, IIM Nagpur, said: "Collaboration and cooperation between IIM and CIRT will open up new doors for development of the automobile hub of the country."

Business & Beyond

OPGC gets 1st rake of coal from Manoharpur coal mine of OCPL

OPGC received its first ever consignment from Manoharpur coal mines of its subsidiary OCPL on Wednesday. Director (Operations) Manas Ranjan Rout inaugurated the supply of first rake of coal from OCPL. Coal transportation from Manoharpur mines to ACB siding is being done by road-cum-rail mode



TNPL wins Golden Peacock Award for CSR for 2020

TNPL has been declared as the winner of 'Golden Peacock Award for Corporate Social Responsibility' for 2020. TNPL CMD Dr Rajeev Ranjan IAS received the Award in the 15th ICCSR Corporate Social Responsibility - 2021 Virtual event held on June 10, 2021

Paradeep Phosphates contributes ₹ 60L

Paradeep Phosphates Ltd contributed ₹ 60 lakh under 'Mo School Abhiyan' for development of 3 Schools in Jagatsinghpur district. Odisha govt has launched the 'Mo School Abhiyan' programme to promote volunteerism and collaboration through an innovative citizen-government partnership.



It's raining 5G-enabled smartphones

At least five Chinese handset makers are launching in India this month; three have already unveiled their devices

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

WITH telecom service providers commencing field trials of fifth-generation (5G) broadband technology and a commercial launch expected any time soon, smartphone makers are flooding the Indian market with 5G-enabled devices.

So far this month, Chinese smartphone makers POCO, iQOO and OnePlus have launched 5G devices. And, more launches are lined up. On June 24, Realme will launch its Narzo 30 5G smartphone, while Vivo is gearing up launch V21e 5G though the date is yet to be fixed up.

Separately, Samsung is also planning to bring its Galaxy F22 5G device here in the near future.

According to analysts, 5G



phones are becoming popular in India despite unavailability of the network because it gives consumers the freedom to be future ready. Also, prices 5G have come down in par with 4G devices and there is a general perception that 5G devices are more advanced in technology and performance.

Research firm International Data Corporation estimates the share of 5G-enabled phones, out of total smart-

phone sales, will touch 20-25% this year. According to a joint report by Realme and Counterpoint Research, the share of 5G smartphone sales reached 7% in the March quarter and is likely to hit 21% for the full year.

As far as the 5G rollout is concerned, India's two leading telecom operators - Bharti Airtel and Jio - have started 5G network trials. Airtel on Monday demonstrated a throughput of over 1 GBPS on the telcom operator's live 5G trial network in Gurgaon's Cyber Hub while Reliance Jio has commenced field testing of 5G network across four circles in the country. There are wide speculations that Jio will make announcements on 5G on June 24th during its Annual General Meeting (AGM).

Google's affordable smartphone to hit India later this year

Bengaluru: Google's affordable smartphone, which it is manufacturing in partnership with Reliance Industries and various other indigenous firms, will hit the Indian market later this year. Confirming this, the tech giant's country head and V-P Sanjay Gupta told TNE that production is in full swing and that language will be a key enabler. "We are committed to our partnerships with Indian companies for making these accessible smartphones," Gupta said. Entry-level smartphones in India are currently priced at ₹7,000 in India, where 54% of the population still uses feature phones, especially among semi-urban and rural areas, as per official estimates. Google's \$10 billion India digitisation fund, announced by Pichai last year, included a \$4.5 billion investment in Reliance Jio platforms, for picking a 7.73% stake in Jio platforms as well as local assembly of low-cost smartphones in the underpenetrated market. According to industry sources, the smartphones will cost ₹4,000-5,000 and may also involve incurring subsidies by manufacturers. Under the Production Linked Incentive scheme, the government offers incentives in the range of 4-6% to companies that manufacture mobile phones, electronic components in the country, and has already roped in over a dozen domestic/global firms to scale up their infrastructure in India including tech giants like Samsung and Apple's three contract manufacturers Foxconn, Wistron and Pegatron

HDFC BANK TO REVAMP DIGITAL INFRA

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

HDFC Bank has chalked out a plan to revamp its digital banking infrastructure even as it awaits guidance from RBI on the halt on sourcing of new credit card customers and digital launches on the back of frequent outages over the last few years.

"The recent outages were not related to capacity issues but were largely due to hardware or process failure. All the elements around the technology audit have been completed. We are awaiting further direction from the regulator," said Ramesh Lakshminarayanan, Chief Information Officer, HDFC Bank.

The private lender expects IT spending to rise over the next 2-3 years as it is attempting to create a "digital factory". HDFC Bank also plans to roll out multiple digital products in the next 15-24 months, once the ban is lifted. It is working with many new-age

fintech and technology partners and is looking to address customer facing areas, added Lakshminarayanan.

"Going into cloud-native stacks, building new tech talent, building the infrastructure skillset, the design aspects, all are very important. The management is clear that we will spend whatever it takes (to ramp up its digital banking)," he said.

The new project will take time to reach fruition since the bank will first have to convince the regulator that it indeed has the digital capabilities to serve existing customers to emerge from the ban.

The bank, which is revamping the existing infrastructure, said it can only work towards minimising challenges, not eliminate issues.

"I don't think we will be able to stop all the outages from the existing side," said Lakshminarayanan, adding that its spending on technology will be at par with global benchmarks.

To pay back GPS device commission to borrowers

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

HDFC Bank said it would refund the GPS device commission to all its auto loan customers who had "availed of" a bundled GPS device between financial years 2013-14 and 2019-20.

The move comes after RBI recently imposed a ₹10 crore penalty on the bank. RBI said the decision was taken after examining documents pertaining to a whistleblower's complaint of improper lending practices in vehicle-financing operations. Car loan customers of HDFC Bank were allegedly forced to buy a vehicle tracking device in a possible breach of guidelines prohib-

iting banks from non-financial businesses.

"The refund will be credited to the customer's repayment bank account as registered with the bank

Refund to be credited back

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issued in newspapers on June 17. HDFC Bank had last year conducted an internal investigation into allegations. Former Managing Director and CEO Aditya Puri at the annual general meeting on July 18 last year had con-

firmed the bank conducted an inquiry into vehicle loans and appropriate action has been taken against employees involved in the misconduct. The incident also led to the exit of a number of executives.

TIGHT SPENDING

FinMin seeks expenditure proposals from ministries

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE finance ministry has asked for the expenditure proposal for the first supplementary demand, asking them to restrict it to projects which are of urgent nature and require funding on a priority basis.

According to the sources in the ministry, the demand has to be aligned with the restriction of keeping the budget 20% lower than 2019 expenditure.

"This is a routine exercise. Ahead of the Monsoon season ministries have to send expenditure proposals for the first batch of Supplementary Demands for Grants for 2021-22 is proposed to be placed before Parliament in the ensuing monsoon session, the finance ministry said in an office memorandum.

The date for monsoon session is not announced yet, however according to the sources, it is expected to be in second week of July. he memorandum added that all the proposals are expected to be submitted on and before June 21.

EXPRESS READ

Wipro to raise \$750 mn through senior notes

Bengaluru: IT services major Wipro said it will raise \$750 million through an issuance of 5 year, USD denominated fixed rate, senior unsecured notes on June 23 at an interest rate of 1.5% per annum, payable semi-annually. The issue will be carried out via Wipro IT Services

Need ₹3 lakh cr stimulus to boost demand, says CII

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE Indian economy will need a fiscal stimulus worth ₹3 lakh crore or up to 1.3% of the GDP along with direct cash transfers and temporary GST rate cuts to arrest the ongoing loss of business, mostly exacerbated by an existing demand slump.

Addressing his first press conference after taking over as CII President, T V Narendran, on Thursday said that the move is also necessitated for quickly re-starting the flagging private investment cycle.

"The cumulative impact of the two waves on incomes and consumer sentiment, coupled with the increase in household medical expenses in the second wave, is likely to affect consumer demand for some time. As the economy reopens post the

second wave, a dual-pronged Government strategy is required to boost consumption and support industry till demand is well-entrenched," said Narendran, who is also the CEO and MD of Tata Steel.

While the government had recently expanded the scope of the emergency credit scheme in its third makeover, CII

wants it extended to retail and machine tools sectors, both of which have a large number of firms. Other suggested measures include enhanced MNREGA allocations; time bound tax relief/interest subvention/stamp duty concession for home buyers; LTC cash voucher scheme like last year; and extension of the Aatmanirbhar Bharat Rozgar Yojana till March 31, 2022. Narendran pegged GDP growth rate for FY22 at 9.5%.

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Notice under Section 13 (2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002

The following borrowers and co-borrowers availed the below mentioned secured loans from IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC FIRST Bank Limited) The loans of the below-mentioned borrowers and co-borrowers have been secured by the mortgage of their respective properties. As they have failed to adhere to the terms and conditions of the respective loan agreements and had become irregular, their loan were classified as NPA as per the RBI guidelines. Amounts due by them to IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC FIRST Bank Limited) are mentioned as per respective notices issued more particularly described in the following table and further interest on the said amounts shall also be applicable and the same will be charged as per contractual rate with effect from their respective dates.

Sr No.	Loan Account No.	Type of Loan	Name of borrowers and co-borrowers	Section 13 (2) Notice Date	Outstanding amount as per Section 13 (2) Notice	Property Address
1	10050480287, 10057390192 & 10060434603	Overdraft Facility	1.Metro Computers 2.Om Prakash 3.Mod Singh	11.06.2021	INR 1,44,29,736.46/-	All That Part And Parcel Of Flat Bearing No. S1, 201 With A Super Built Up Area Of 1500 SW FT, Situated On 2 nd Floor In Complex Known As Gown Apartments Bearing Corporation Khata No.113 (originally No.72, Subsequently No.77 And Thereafter 113 And 11/1 And Now 113) Pld No. 46-4-113, 2 nd Main Road Chamarajpet, Bangalore - 560019, Bounded As : East : Private Property No. 73/112, West : Private Property No. 71/114, North : 2 nd Main Road, Chamarajpet, South : Conservancy Lane
2	10063114068 & 10030203625	Overdraft Secured	1. SLV Tours & Travels 2. Srinivasa N V 3. Srinivasa N V M/s T. E. Connectivity 4. Srinithirumala Vs 5. Sriyeshwanth Vs	11.06.2021	INR 25,87,095.64/-	All That Part And Parcel Of Site No.940, Block No. Iv Municipal New No.68, Bmnp Pld O.60-80-68 In East Hutting Colony, Jayanagar Extension Bangalore, Karnataka, Measuring East To West 20 Ft & North To South 2 Ft & Bounded As : East : Site No.939 West : Site No.941, North : Site No. 915, South : Road.

You are hereby called upon to pay the amounts to IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC FIRST Bank Limited) as per the details shown in the above table with contracted rate of interest thereupon from their respective dates and other costs, charges etc., within 60 days from the date of this publication, failing which the undersigned shall be constrained to initiate proceedings, under Section 13 (4) and section 14 of the SARFAESI Act, against the mortgaged properties mentioned hereinabove to realize the amount due to IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC FIRST Bank Limited) Further you are prohibited under Section 13 (13) of the said Act from transferring the said secured assets either by way of sale/lease or otherwise.

Sd/-
Authorized Officer
IDFC FIRST Bank Limited
(erstwhile IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC FIRST Bank Limited)

Date : 18.06.2021
Place : Bangalore



NORTH EASTERN KARNATAKA ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION KALBURAGI

Central Office: Purchase Department, Sarige Sadana, Main Road, Kalaburagi-585102

"e"- Auction Notice

Scrap Vehicles available at NEKRTC will be sold through e- Auction to be conducted by M/s. M.S.T.C. (A Govt. of India undertaking), The e-Auction schedule is as under:-
Scrapped Vehicles: 30.06.2021

The interested Bidders may log on to www.mstccommerce.com for further details and registration. They may also contact M/s. M.S.T.C. Ltd., at below mentioned address for needful clarification.
Address: M/s. M.S.T.C. Ltd., No. 19/5, 19/6, 3rd Floor, Kareem Tower, Cunning Ham Road, Bengaluru-560052,
Contact phone Nos : 080-22260054,22266417,22287356, Fax No:080-22256365, NEKRTC Contact Phone Nos : 7760686172 / 7760992029, 08472260502.

DIP/Kalaburagi/310/MCA&A/2021-22

Sd/- Controller of Stores and Purchases

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD DIVISION KALABURAGI

No: EE/PWP&I/WT/D/KD/TS-6/Tender Notification/2021-22/817 Date: 14.06.2021

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

1) Name of Work : Executive Engineer PWD Division Invites tender for the (02) Works under 8443 for indent No 137406, 137407, 2) Estimate cost : Min Rs. 341.52 Lakhs Max Rs. 344.54 Lakhs, 3) Eligibility of Contractor : Class I & above, 4) Pre bid Meeting : 17.07.2021 (11.00 Hrs), 5) Last date for queries : 22.07.2021 (17.30 Hrs), 6) Last date for Submission of bid : 23.07.2021 (16.00 Hrs), 7) Date of Opening of Technical Bid : 26.07.2021 (16.30 Hrs), 8) Date of opening of Financial Bid : 27.07.2021 (11.30 Hrs), 9) Enquiries : Office of the Executive Engineer PWD Division Kalaburagi, 10) Note : GST Will be Paid Separately, 11) Website : WWW.e-proc.Karnataka.gov.in

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
PWD Division Kalaburagi

DIP/Kalaburagi/305/MCA&A/2021-22

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GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT DIVISION KOPPAL.

Phone No: 08539 - 222318 Fax No: 08539 - 222317
email : eeppwdkpl2@gmail.com

IFT No.PWD:DK:RD:KW-4:2021-22: 633 Date:14-06-2021.

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT)

The Executive Engineer, Public works Department Division Koppal invites tenders from the eligible tenderers as per standard bid documents KW-4 on e-procurement Portal, Head of Account 4059-80-051-0-29-386 Department Buildings for the year 2020-21. Improvements Work at IRB Munirabad in Koppal Tq, Koppal District (WI No: 137589) Amount put to tender Rs. 178.28 Lakhs. Two cover Tender procedure as per Rule 28 of the KTPP Act shall be followed. For more information the contractor can contact the under signed during office hours on Phone Number 08539 - 222318 and all informations regarding tenders can be had from website <http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in>. The tender documents can be downloaded from the above website address on or after 14-06-2021. E.M.D, Tender processing fee, Period for completion of work and Date & Time of Pre-bid meeting and Last date & time for Tender Queries/ clarification as mentioned in e-Proc Portal. Last date & time for receipt of tenders 28-06-2021 Time 16.00, Date and time for opening of technical bid 29-06-2021 Time 16.30, Date and time for opening of financial bid 05-07-2021 Time 11.00.

Sd/- EE PWD Divn.Koppal.

DIPR/Koppal/116/MCA/2021-22

TOWN PANCHAYATH KORATAGERE TUMKUR DISTRICT

PH NO: 08138-232129, 233329

E-MAIL: itstaff_ulb_koratagere@yahoo.com

TP.KRT/STF/CR/1/2020-21 Date: 14.06.2021

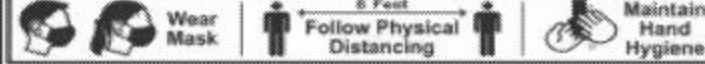
Short Term Tender Notification

The Chief Officer Town Panchayath Koratagere invites tenders from eligibil contractors civil/Electrical/Borewell registered in KPWD/Govt department under 2016-17 SCP-TSP grant 2 works (Indent No 97893 and 100138 2nd call) 2020-21 SFC Drinking water 1 work Indent No 117209, 2017-18 14th Finance Basic grant 1 work Indent No 117210 Last date for bids submission Date: 01.07.2021 upto 16.00hrs. Tender Opening date: 03.07.2021 at 16.30 hrs for more information go to website www.koratageretownmrc.gov.in. Contractors can Download and Submit the Tenders through e-procurement Portal www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in in maximum single work estimate cost amount Rs.70.00lakhs minimum single estimate cost Rs.3.56 lakhs GST will be paid separately.

Sd/-Smt Manjula, President, Town Panchayath Koratagere.
Sd/-Smt Bharath.K.V Vice President, Town Panchayath Koratagere.
Sd/-Sri D.Lakshman Kumar Chief officer, Town Panchayath Koratagere.

DIPR/TUM/105/MCA/2021-22

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भारत सरकार / GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, अंतरिक्ष विभाग / DEPARTMENT OF SPACE वीएसएससी / VSSC, तिरुवनंतपुरम / THIRUVANANTHAPURAM - 695 022 निर्माण एवं अनुरक्षण प्रभाग - विद्युत / CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE DIVISION - ELECTRICAL (फोन नं. / Ph. No. 0471- 2565275 / 2565726)

सं. वीएसएससी/ सीएमई/ ई/ 03/2021-2022/21, No. VSSC/CMG/E/03/2021-2022/21 दिनांक / Dt. 17.06.2021
भारत के राष्ट्रपति की ओर से निम्नलिखित कार्य के लिए ई-टेंडिंग द्वारा ऑनलाइन मदद कर निविदाएं आमंत्रित की जाती हैं। On behalf of the President of India, online item rate tenders are invited through e-tendering for the following works

(1) क्र.सं / Sl. No.	(2) कार्य का शीर्षक तथा ई-निविदा सूचना सं. / Title of work & E-Tender Notice No.	(3) कार्य पूरा होने की तिथि / Date of completion	(4) निविदा में दी गई अंदाजित लागत / Estimate cost put to tender	(5) बचाना जमा राशि (ईएमडी) / Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)
1.	अंतरिक्ष परिवहन प्रणाली कॉम्प्लेक्स, 70 एकड़ वीएसएससी के लिए 13 वाहनों को सेवेवाले निम्न की अभिकल्पना, संरचना, अनुसंधान, विकास, परीक्षण, निर्माण, फैब्रिकेशन, supply, installation, testing and commissioning of 13 passengers MRL type lift for Space Transportation System Complex, 70 Acre, VSSC, ENIT No. VSSC/CMG/E/03/2021-2022 Dated: 16.06.2021	4 (चार / Four) महीने / months	₹ 45.25 लाख / Lakhs	NIL (Signed copy of EMD Declaration shall be submitted as referred in NIT)
6.	डाउनलोड करने की अवधि / Period for downloading: दिनांक 18.06.2021 को 11.00 बजे से 27.06.2021 को 23.00 बजे तक / From 11.00 Hrs. on 18.06.2021 to 23.00 Hrs. on 27.06.2021	बोली स्पष्टीकरण / Bid Clarifications: दिनांक 21.06.2021 को 10.00 बजे से 28.06.2021 को 12.00 बजे तक / From 10.00 Hrs. on 21.06.2021 to 12.00 Hrs. on 28.06.2021	निविदाओं की प्राप्ति / Receipt of tenders दिनांक 29.06.2021 को 23.00 बजे तक Up to 23.00 Hrs. on 29.06.2021	निविदाओं को खोलना / Opening of tenders दिनांक 01.07.2021 को 11.00 बजे At 11.00 Hrs. on 01.07.2021

योजना मंत्रालय तथा अन्य व्यक्तियों को निवेदित किए गए निविदा निम्नलिखित ई-निविदा आमंत्रित करने हुए विस्तृत सूचना (ई-एनआरटी) का अवलोकन करें, जिसे www.tenderwizard.in और www.isro.gov.in से डाउनलोड किया जा सकता है।। The interested tenderers may please refer detailed Notice Inviting E-Tender (E-NIT) for eligibility criteria and other details, which can be downloaded from website www.tenderwizard.in and www.isro.gov.in.

Sd/- उप प्रभाग प्रमुख / Deputy Division Head, सीएमई - विद्युत / CMD - Electrical

BANGALORE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

T. Chowdaiah Road, Kumara Park West, Bengaluru - 560 020

No.: BDA/TPM/CLU-10/308/2021-22 Date: 16.06.2021

PUBLICATION

(Under Section 14(A) of KTCP Act 1961)

Sri. Narasimhamurthy S/o. Late Giriappa & Smt. Devikamurthy W/o. Narasimhamurthy, Aluru Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, have requested for change of land use from Agriculture use to Commercial use as per section 14(A) of KTCP Act, 1961 in Sy No. 98/1, 98/2, 99/4P, 100/1A, 100/1B, 101, 102/1, 102/2, 103/2, 103/3, 103/4, 104/1A, 104/1B, 104/2, 105/1, 106, 107/2, 108/3B, 108/3C for an extent of 102005.23 Sq.mts (25 Acres 8.25 guntas) of Aluru Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru, which is earmarked as Agriculture use in RMP-2015. Applicant has, said that if the land is allowed for change of land use from Agriculture to Commercial use, it will be helpful for storage of daily useful products by building godown & Cold storage, Public will get employment and during construction in this land, public will get employment if this land is developed for commercial activity. As this land is abutting to urban area developing this land will make surrounding places developed.

Further, as required under section 14(A) of Karnataka Town and Country Planning Act 1961, any person/ persons affected by this proposal may file his/her/their suggestions/objections if any, to the Town Planner Member, BDA, Bengaluru within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice. The suggestions / objections received after the expiry of 15 days will not be considered.

Sd/- Town Planner Member, BDA, Bengaluru

BDA/PRO/CLU/14/2021-22

CLASSIFIEDS

PUBLIC NOTICE

CHANGE OF NAME

CHANGE OF NAME

I, PREMALATHA PICHAMUTHU, SPOUSE OF JC-40070, (LATE) SUB R.H ROSHUM ANANDA, Residing at No 70, 1st Main Road, KGS Layout, Vijayanagar, Bangalore 560040, have changed my name from ANTHONY LEO J to TONY LEO JAMES vide affidavit dated 15.06.2021 sworn before Notary I. Kaniksha Raja at Bangalore. Henceforth, I shall be known as TONY LEO JAMES for all purposes.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, KRUPA SAGAR, Aged about 30 years, W/o. Sagar K., Permanent resident of No. 14/15, Sagar Santosh Nilaya, 4th Main, 7th Cross, Navodaya Nagar, J.P. Nagar 7th Phase, Bengaluru - 560 078, have changed my name from KRIPA B S (KRIPA B A J P I L A M O O L E S A D A N A N D A) to KRUPA SAGAR vide affidavit dated 17.06.2021 sworn before Advocate & Notary K.V. Mani, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SHARON S., Aged about 39 years, D/o. Srinivas T., Permanent resident of No. 66, House of Praise, 1st Main, 2nd Cross, Near Bus Stop, Dooda Banasawadi, Bengaluru - 560 043, have changed my name from RADHA S. to SHARON S. vide affidavit dated 17.06.2021 sworn before Advocate & Notary K.V. Mani, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, ANISHKAA SABOO, age 21 years, D/o Amitabh Saboo, r/t No. T-1603, SNR Raj Lake View Apartments Phase-2, Ranka Colony Road, Bilekahalli, Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore-76, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from ANISHKAA KUMARI SABOO to ANISHKAA SABOO, henceforth I shall be known and called as ANISHKAA SABOO only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 17th June 2021, sworn before Advocate and Notary D.K. RAMESHAPPA at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, MERLIN NESA SUDHA, W/o Christhas, age 50 years, R/at No. 1, 18th Cross, Oil Mill Road, Aravind Nagar, VTC, Bangalore North, St. Thomas Town, Bangalore-84 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from MERLIN CHRISTHAS to MERLIN NESA SUDHA, henceforth I shall be known and called as MERLIN NESA SUDHA only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 16th day of June 2021, sworn before Advocate and Notary L. GOPALAKRISHNA at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Mr. Pranav Satish Lotlikar, age 40 years, S/o Mr. Satish Manik Lotlikar, R/at 84/04, HRC Ibbani, Opp. Vibgyor School, Off. KJ, Jaimam Road, Jakkur, Bangalore-560 064, Karnataka do hereby declare that I have changed my name from LEELA LOTLIKAR and MAYA LOTLIKAR to LEELA DEEPTI LOTLIKAR and MAYA DEEPTI LOTLIKAR accordingly, hereafter their names will be known and called as LEELA DEEPTI LOTLIKAR and MAYA DEEPTI LOTLIKAR only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 17-06-2021, sworn before Advocate and Notary C.V. EARPAPPA at Bangalore.

Sd/- DALAI LAMA

भारतीय कंटेनर निगम लिमिटेड CONTAINER CORPORATION OF INDIA LTD.

(भारत सरकार का स्वतंत्र उपक्रम - A navratna Govt. of India Undertaking)

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

CONCOR invites E-Tender in Single Bid System of tendering for the following work:-

Tender No.	CON/DL&C/01/02/2021
Name of Work: Open E-Tender for selection of cement manufacturer for setting up and using of Bulk Cement unloading facility at ICD/Irugar.	
Period of Contract	25 years (Twenty-Five years)
Tender Processing Fee	₹ 4,720/- Inclusive of all taxes and duties through epayment.
Tender Issue period(Online) From	18.06.2021, 11.00 Hrs. to 09.07.2021 (up to 23.00 Hrs.)
Pre-Bid Meeting: Virtual Meeting on 29.06.2021 at 15:00 Hrs. (for link, email to srro@concorindia.com)	
Date & Time of submission online	12.07.2021 at 23:59 Hrs.
Date & Time of opening	14.07.2021 at 11:00 Hrs.

For eligibility criteria etc, please refer to detailed tender notice available on website www.concorindia.co.in but the complete tender document can be downloaded from website www.tenderwizard.com/CCIL only. Further, Corrigendum/Addendum to this tender, if any, will be published on website www.concorindia.co.in: www.tenderwizard.com/CCIL and Central Procurement Portal (CPP) only.

ED/Area-III - Phone No.: 011-41222500

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA Department of Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development

Office of the Executive Engineer,
MI & GWD Division, Mandya

TENDER NOTIFICATION NO : 01/2021-22,
Dated : 16.06.2021.

Item Wise Tenders are invited from registered and eligible contractors under " e - Procurement " Portal as per the terms and conditions prescribed in standard tender bid documents KW-3.4. Under the Head of Account 4702: LIS there are 07 works, 4702: New Tanks there is 01 work, 4702: Rain Damage there are 05 works , 4702: Modernization of Tanks there are 04, 4711: Flood Protection there are 03 works amount put to tender ranging from low as Rs. 50.00 Lakhs to High as Rs 975.00 Lakhs. Any information regarding this tender may be obtained from this office up to dated : 25.06.2021 during office hours. The tenders may be uploaded (Technical and Financial bids to be uploaded separately) and requisite documents through website "www.eproc.karnataka.govt.in" upto dated : 03.07.2021 up to 17-00 Hours. Technical bids of the bidders will be opened on dated : 05.07.2021 at 11.00 AM. Financial bids of the bidders will be opened on dated : 12.07.2021 at 11-00 AM. All the rights are reserved for postponement or cancellation of all works or any of the work of this tender by the under signed. Terms and conditions required for the each work is published in the " e - Procurement " Tender Portal. Any additional information is available at the office of the undersigned. Any corrections regarding the works will be published in " e - Procurement " portal only.

Sd/-ExecutiveEngineer,
DIPR/AD-MDY/MCA/14/8/2021-22 MI & GWD Division, Mandya.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, REKHA (Existing name of Spouse as per Nok POW IAFF (POR/Service Records Spouse of K. MALLIKARJUNA, R/at No. 79, Domlur, Bangalore-560 071 date of birth 06/05/1976, D/o A. Narayana have changed my name from REKHA (existing name wife of as per (POR/Service Documents to YERUKALA REKHARANI (proposed adopted new name), vide affidavit dated 17-6-2021, sworn before Notary A.R. MUNEEH AHMED.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Maxim D Almeida, aged about 47 years, Residing at No #59, Puttanna Layout, Marenahalli, Bagalur Post, Bangalore 562149, I have changed my name from 'MAXIE D ALMEIDA' to 'MAXIM D ALMEIDA'. Vide affidavit dated 17.06.2021, Sworn before Advocate & Notary S.R.Ravikumar, Advocate & Notary, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Kathleen Priya Jabez, aged about 56 years, W/o. Jabez residing at No. 23, Memorial Church Compound, Memorial Bharathi Nagar, Bangalore North, Bangalore, I have changed my name from 'KATHLEEN P NATHAN M.A.' to 'KATHLEEN PRIYA JABEZ'. Vide affidavit dated 17.06.2021, Sworn before Advocate & Notary M.Narendran, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, PREETI CHANDRU SABNANI, resident of 27A Chatham Road, 5th Floor, Ocean view court, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon, Hong Kong, have changed my former maiden name PREETI CHANDRU SABNANI to my married name KREYA SAJAN SUJANANI vide Deed pol dated 11th June 2021 before Messrs. ONG & Chung Solicitors Hong Kong SAR.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, CHAKRADHARI N, age 46 years, S/o. NARASIMHALU, and resident of # 18/1-A, 4th Cross, "C" Block, Gayatri Nagar, Bengaluru-560 021 have changed my name from CHAKRADHARI N to VIJAY CHAKRADHARI N vide affidavit dated 16/06/2021 sworn before Notary Public K.P. Ramesh, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SERVICE NO. 15331315W /LNK Balagoud Shettennavar, 4 ENGR REGT, C/o 99 APO, PIN-914004, Dimapur, Nagaland, have changed my Daughter name from VAISHNAVI to VAISHNAVI BALAGODU SHETTENNAVAR vide affidavit Dated 15/06/2021 sworn before Notary H.G. Venkataramu, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Bhavna Aggarwal, Resident of No. 809, 1st Floor, 7th Main, 1st Cross, H.A.L. II Stage, Indiranagar Bengaluru-560038

have changed my name to BHAVNA AGGARWAL vide Affidavit dated 12.04.2021, sworn to before Notary K.N. Chandrashekara Reddy, Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SERVICE NO. 15331315W /LNK Balagoud Shettennavar, 4 ENGR REGT, C/o 99 APO, PIN-914004, Dimapur, Nagaland, have changed my Father name from SHIVANAPPA to SHIVANAPPA SHETTENNAVAR DOB from 01/07/1953 to 06/06/1950 and Mother name from KAMALAVVA to KAMALAVVA SHETTENNAVAR DOB from 01/07/1958 to 01/01/1955 vide affidavit Dated 15/06/2021 sworn before Notary H.G.Venkataramu, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Z.SWARUPA, Spouse of No. JC-311909X SUB S.Rama Chandra Rao Zampani, residing at H.No. 5-158A Pedapulavuru (Post) Vellatur (Via) Guntur (Dist) Andhra Pradesh (State) PIN:522257, have changed my name from Z.SWARUPA to ZAMPANI SWARUPA vide affidavit Dated 10/06/2021 sworn before Notary H.G.Venkataramu, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) JOYS.S, W/o. Wilson Yesuraj.A. residing at No. 32, 5th Main, Chamundeshwari Layout, Vidyanarayapura, Bangalore -560097, have changed my name from (OLD NAME) JOYS.S. to (NEW NAME) JOYS WILSON vide affidavit Dated 15/06/2021 sworn before Notary Varija.C.J., Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, A.WILSON YESURAJ, S/o. Anthonyraj, residing at No. 32, 5th Main, Chamundeshwari Layout, Vidyanarayapura, Bangalore -560097, have changed my Minor Son's name from VINETHAN RAJ.W to VINETHAN PAUL.W vide affidavit Dated 2/2/2021 sworn before Notary R.Ramesh, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) SONIA BEDI, residing

VARIANTS FUELLING VIRUS SURGES IN MANY NATIONS

Africa reels under full-blown 3rd wave; UK's cases rise exponentially; WHO alarmed at big jump in Indonesia's hospital bed occupancy



People wait in long lines to receive a Covid-19 vaccine shot on Thursday in Bandung, West Java, Indonesia, which has fully vaccinated just 4% of its population | AP

HEALTH

The UK, Indonesia and many African countries are reporting fresh increases in coronavirus cases, due partly to the spread of variants of concern.

Coronavirus infections in Africa are surging as a third wave of the pandemic gathers pace on the continent, fuelled by the spread of more contagious variants, the World Health Organization said on Thursday.

"Africa is in the midst of a full-blown third wave. The sobering trajectory of surging cases should rouse everyone into urgent action," WHO's regional director for Africa, Matshidiso Moeti, said.

According to WHO data, the number of new Covid-19 cases in Africa rose to over 116,500 in the week ending June 13, up from nearly 91,000 the previous week. In 22 African countries, cases rose by more than 20% in the week to June 13, with DRC, Namibia and Uganda reporting

their highest number of new weekly cases since the pandemic began.

The WHO said that "a lack of adherence to transmission prevention measures has fuelled the new surge that coincides with colder seasonal weather in southern Africa and as more contagious variants spread."

The more-transmissible Delta variant, which was first detected in India, has been reported in 14 African countries and the Alpha and Beta variants have been found in over 25 African countries.

UK cases hit 4-month high

Britain on Thursday recorded 11,007 new daily coronavirus

With increased transmission due to variants of concern, urgent action is needed to contain the situation in many provinces [in Indonesia]

WHO situation report

cases, with the emergence of the Delta variant pushing the figure above 10,000 for the first time since late February.

The government on Monday announced it was delaying steps to lift restrictions due to concern over the spread of the new strain, first detected in India.

The government said a four-week delay would give it time to fully vaccinate millions more.

The death rate remains low, with 19 fatalities recorded on Thursday. But there is concern whether rising case numbers will turn into death tolls similar to previous waves, which combined have seen 127,945 people lose their lives in the UK. A government report published on Thursday found that cases are "rising exponentially" across England, driven by mostly unvaccinated age groups.

Jakarta's hospitals fill up

The World Health Organization warned Thursday of the need to increase social restrictions in Indonesia amid a fresh surge of coronavirus infections caused by variants.

Indonesia saw its number of confirmed new cases climb to more than 12,600 on Thursday, an increase blamed on travel during last month's Eid al-Fitr holiday as well as the arrival of new virus variants, such as the Delta version first found in India. In Jakarta the number of hospital beds occupied has shot up to 75% this week from 45% last week, government data shows. The WHO in its situation report on Thursday noted that Indonesia's drastic increase in bed occupancy rates is a major concern.

US' \$18 bn vax bet paid off. Now pills get \$3.2 bn boost

MEDICINE

WASHINGTON: The United States is devoting \$3.2 billion to advance development of antiviral pills for COVID-19 and other dangerous viruses that could turn into pandemics.

Dr. Anthony Fauci, the nation's top infectious disease expert, announced the investment Thursday at a White House briefing as part of a new "antiviral program for pandemics" to develop drugs to address symptoms caused by potentially dangerous viruses like the coronavirus.

The US government had spent more than \$18 billion last year on drugmakers to boost vaccine development, which led to the creation of at least five effective shots, and that to in record time.

The pills for COVID-19, which would be used to minimise symptoms after infection, are in development and could begin arriving by year's end, pending the completion of clinical trials. The funding will speed those clinical trials

and provide additional support to private sector research, development and manufacturing.

Fauci said the new program would invest in "accelerating things that are already in progress" for COVID-19 but also would work to innovate new therapies for other viruses. The US has approved one antiviral drug, remdesivir, against Covid-19 and allowed emergency use of three antibody combinations that help the human body's immune system fight the virus.

But all the drugs have to be infused at hospitals or medical clinics, and demand has been low due to these logistical hurdles.

The currently available drugs have mostly been shown to help patients avoid hospitalization or shorten their recovery time by several days.

The biggest need is for a convenient pill that can help keep patients with early symptoms of Covid-19 from developing severe disease and needing hospitalisation.

Arthritis drug shows promise in severe cases

MEDICINE

WASHINGTON: A repurposed arthritis drug has shown positive results in a clinical trial of patients hospitalised with Covid-19, according to a paper published in the *New England Journal of Medicine*.

Tofacitinib, taken orally and sold under the brand name Xeljanz among others, was tested in a trial of 289 patients hospitalized with severe Covid

across 15 locations in Brazil. Half received the drug -- a 10 mg pill twice a day -- and standard care like glucocorticoids that tamp down an overactive immune response, while the other half received a placebo and standard care.

After 28 days, 18.1% of the group receiving the tofacitinib progressed to respiratory failure or death, compared to 29% in the placebo group. This represented a statistical-

ly significant relative risk reduction of 63%. Respiratory failure refers to a patient requiring noninvasive ventilation through an oxygen mask, or being intubated and placed on a mechanical ventilator. Deaths after 28 days occurred in 2.8% of patients in the tofacitinib group and in 5.5% in the placebo group. Serious side effects occurred in 14.1% in the tofacitinib group and in 12% in placebo.



SPACE WALK

Astronaut Thomas Pesquet checks cables while installing new solar panels on the International Space Station | AFP

1ST CREWED MISSION

China astronauts enter space station to help build ISS rival

SPACE RACE

JIUQUAN: The first astronauts arrived at China's new space station on Thursday in the country's longest crewed mission to date, a landmark step in establishing Beijing as a major space power.

The trio blasted off on a Long March-2F rocket from the Jiuquan launch centre in northwest China's Gobi desert, and their craft docked around seven hours later at the Tiangong station, where they will spend the next three months. State broadcaster CCTV

showed a live feed from inside the spacecraft during the journey, with the three astronauts lifting their helmet visors after it reached orbit as one smiled and waved at the camera.

Another floated a pen just off his lap in zero gravity, as he browsed the flight manual.

The Shenzhou-12 spacecraft -- having separated from the Long March rocket -- "successfully docked with the forward port of the core module" of the Tiangong station, said

the China Manned Space Agency, as state TV showed live footage.

By Thursday evening, the astronauts were shown entering the core module, one of them making a 360-degree flip in the process.

The group will be setting up their living quarters and are expected to open the door to the Tianzhou-2 cargo craft -- which docked earlier with the core module -- on Friday morning.

The mission's commander is Nie Haisheng, a decorated air

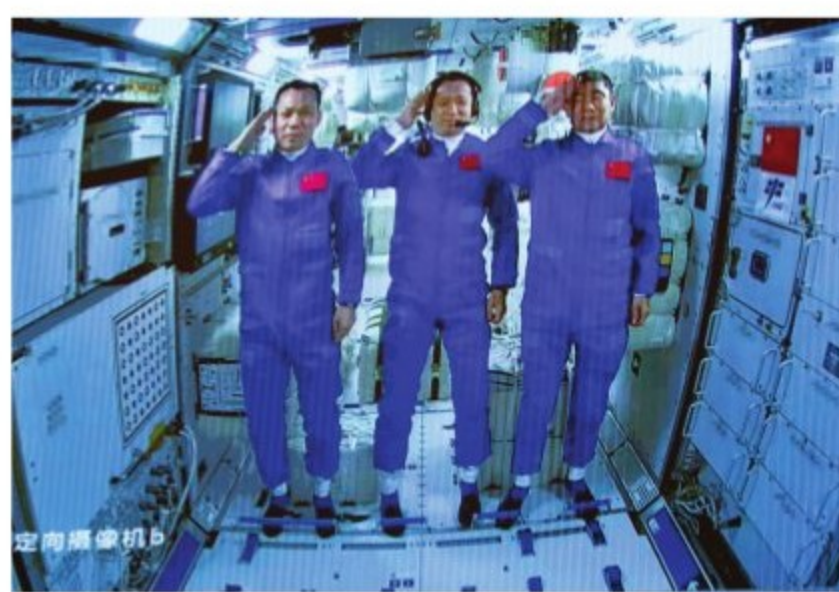
force pilot in the People's Liberation Army who has already participated in two space missions.

The two other members are also from the military. NASA administrator Bill Nelson congratulated China on the launch, saying in a statement: "I look forward to the scientific discoveries to come."

The core module of the space station has separate living spaces for each astronaut, a "space treadmill" and bike for exercise, and a communication centre for emails and video

calls with ground control. Huang Weifen of the China Manned Space Program said the astronauts would perform two spacewalks during the mission, both lasting around six or seven hours.

She added the trio would wear newly developed spacewalk suits. The launch of China's first crewed mission in nearly five years is a matter of huge prestige in China, as Beijing prepares to mark the 100th anniversary of the ruling Communist Party on July 1 with a massive propaganda campaign.

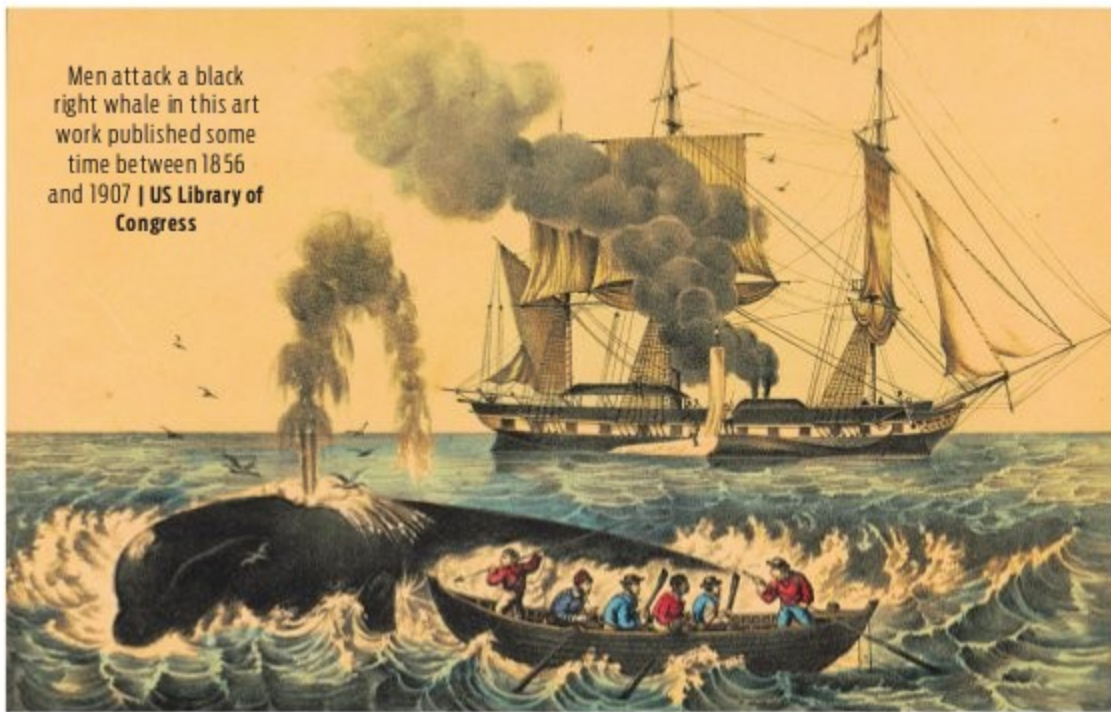


Chinese astronauts salute after successfully entering the Tianhe station module on Thursday | IMAGE TAKEN IN BEIJING AEROSPACE CONTROL CENTER BY XINHUA (via AP)

EXFILE HISTORY

RISE AND FALL OF WHALING

Before the introduction of kerosene, some parts of the world used whale oil for lighting -- illumination that had a transformational impact on society at the time with the oil's usage in street lights, miner's headlamps and lighthouses. In the 18th and 19th century, the demand for whale oil made whaling a tremendously profitable industry that emptied the oceans of Earth's biggest animals. We tell you the story of humanity's whale hunting, the incredibly risky, horror-filled venture that inspired Herman Melville's classic novel, *Moby Dick*



Price of nice perfumes

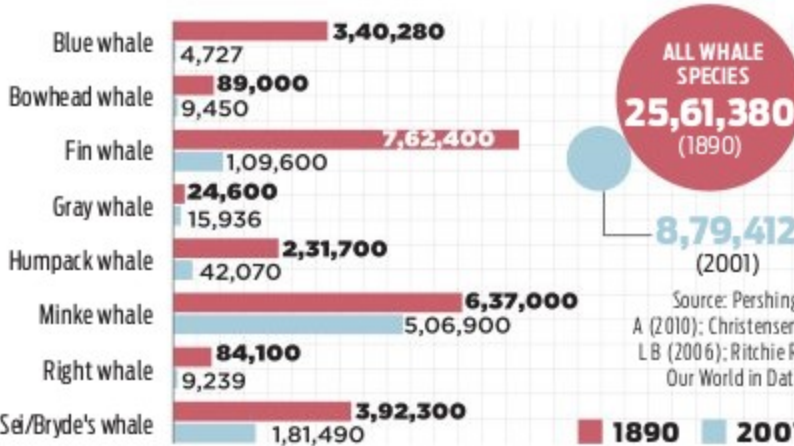
By the beginning of the 20th century sailors were hunting whales with cannons and harpoons. Sperm whale oil was a vital industrial lubricant. Whale oil's by-products were used in soaps and textiles. Ambergris, a substance found in the intestine of sperm whales, is still used to make perfumes

Result of rising demand

Whaling grew rapidly in the 20th century, reaching a peak of 80,000 whales killed annually in the 1960s. Many species were hunted to the brink of extinction. This rapacious short-sightedness reduced the industry's profitability. Cheap substitutes of whale products contributed to the decline

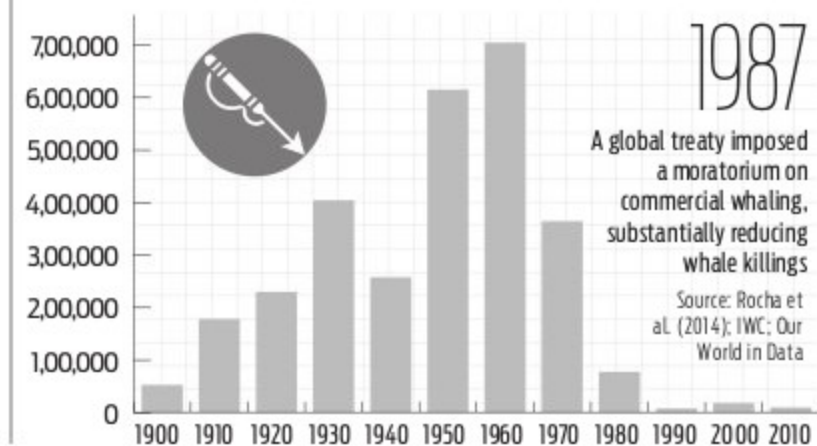
PRECIPITOUS DECLINES

Estimates of whale populations in pre-whaling period vs 2001



COUNTING THE CATCH

Number of whales killed every decade



FACT OF THE MATTER

Hubble idling after glitch



SCIENCE

The Hubble Space Telescope has been hit with computer trouble, with astronomical viewing halted, NASA said. The orbiting observatory has been idle since Sunday when a 1980s-era computer that controls the science instruments shut down, possibly because of a bad memory board. Flight controllers at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center tried to restart the computer Monday, but the same thing happened. They're now trying to switch to a backup memory unit. If that works, the telescope will be tested for a day before the science instruments are turned back on and observations can resume. For now, the cameras and other instruments are in a safe mode. Launched in 1990, Hubble is showing more and more signs of aging.

Poor results for CurVac



HEALTH

The chief executive of CureVac said Thursday that interim results from late-stage testing of its coronavirus shot are "sobering," but the German company aims to finish a final analysis within weeks that will determine whether it will still seek regulatory approval. CureVac announced late Wednesday that the vaccine had shown an efficacy of 47% against COVID-19 of any severity, according to a partial review of data from its trial involving 40,000 participants in Latin America and Europe. This is below the WHO threshold of 50%. The company said more than two dozen variants of the coronavirus were found in its trial across 10 countries, a fact that may have affected the outcome.